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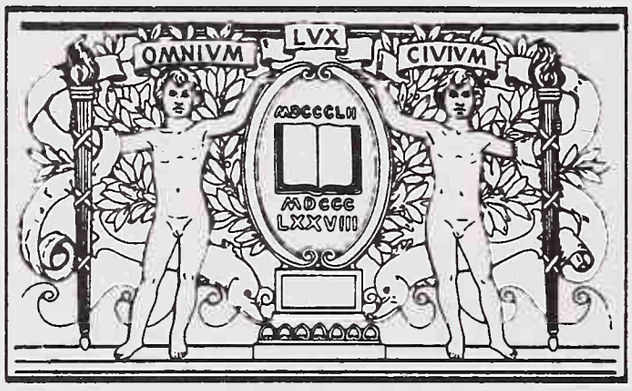

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Being a compilation

of the

ANCESTORS & DESCENDANTS

of

THOMAS SMITH WIGFIELD
(1813-1897)

and

ANNE E. NELSON
(1817-1879)

and

ALLIED FAMILIES

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P R E F A C E

This book is the product of eighteen years of research which has involved spending hundreds of hours in libraries, court houses and cemeteries poring over old records, and in the case of cemeteries, straining to read tombstone inscriptions which sometimes were nearly illegible. Thousands of miles of travel was undertaken in order to be able to collect data and to interview newly discovered cousins who live in far-away places. Uncounted letters were written and thousands of telephone calls were made in seeking family data.

This project was undertaken with the object of attempting to draw together the many valuable old records of the Wigfield, Nelson and allied families and preserving them in compact and enduring form which would be easily accessible to members of these families and others who might be interested. As the project progressed it was thought advisable to collect for posterity all available records of the present generation, lest they become lost or rendered obscure by the passing of years.

Such a purpose, however, could not have been accomplished alone and unaided. It was made possible only by the generous and untiring cooperation of other members of the Wigfield and Nelson families. In addition to the help which they have rendered by contributing records, old family letters and photographs, their interest and encouragement have made it possible to perservere in times of discouragement and bring the project finally to a conclusion. It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge and express my gratitude to those who have offered their help.

The study of genealogy is likely to lead one who pursues it to delightful surprises and discoveries. Also, it may have many disappointments and it may present baffling problems which sometimes seem to elude solution. Notwithstanding, it is such an elusive and fascinating subject that one is led on and on, finally becoming held in the bonds of its peculiar charm. Like many other interesting subjects, the more meagre and incomplete the material the more fascinating the quest becomes. In the search for some ancestral line, one small bit of data or tradition often may be a clue to something else, so that little by little the obscure points are revealed, and in the end one's patience and perseverance are richly rewarded.

A genuine effort has been made to make this genealogy as authentic and accurate as possible. In most instances original records have been consulted, and in those cases where wills, estate accounts, family letters and Bible records have been included, care has been taken to insure that they have been copied accurately. Despite the striving for accuracy, there is little doubt but that errors will have crept in-names misspelled, inaccurate dates. If such are found, it is hoped that the reader will forgive these lapses.

In most cases the sources of quoted data is stated in the text, but in some instances the reader is referred to "Notes & References" which will be found at the end of the chapter. The reference is made by the use of a sub-script, a numeral which is placed one quarter space below the date or event stated. This numeral refers to a like numeral to be found in the "Notes & References" at the end of the chapter as

above stated.

While realizing to the fullest extent the imperfections and shortcomings of this work, nevertheless, I trust that it will fulfill to some extent its purpose of preserving the chronicles and records of our family. Also, I hope that those who read its pages may derive some measure of the pleasure which I have experienced while preparing this history.

J. Douglas Bradshaw
Williamsburg, Va. (1986)

"Every house is a quotation out of all forests and mines and stone quarries; and every man is a quotation from all his ancestors".
Ralph Waldo Emerson
(1803-1882)

I N T R O D U C T I O N

The book has been divided into three parts, it being thought that logic dictates such a division.

The first part consists of chapters 1, 2 and 3, dealing with the families of Thomas Wigfield, his son, John Johnson Wigfield and his grandson, Thomas Smith Wigfield. Because of the enormity of such an undertaking, the female lines of Thomas Wigfield's family and that of his son John Johnson Wigfield, have not been researched.

The second part, and by far the largest, is devoted to the families and their descendants, of the seven children of Thomas Smith Wigfield and Ann E. Nelson. Chapters 4 thru 10, both inclusive, comprise this part which attempts to record all such descendants, in both the male and the female line. It is believed that this effort largely has been successful.

The third and final part, comprising chapters 11 thru 15, both inclusive, is an attempt to record all of the known data relating to the Nelson ancestors of Ann E. Nelson. In addition to the Nelson family, this part attempts to record some of the other ancestors of Ann E. Nelson Wigfield, that is to say, the Withers family, the O'Bannon family, the Rosser family and the Neavill family.

It is important to understand the system used to follow one's ancestry back to his or her most remote ancestor as recorded in the book, and, if this system is followed there should be no difficulty in determining

ancestry.

Each generation has been assigned a number, the first generation, (the most remote) having been assigned the number 1, the second generation number 2 and continuing in the ascending order to the present day, which in the Wigfield family, reaches 8 and in some cases 9.

The number of each generation is expressed by the use of a superscript number, that is to say a number which is placed one quarter space above and following the name of the person to which it refers. As an example consider the entry on page 35:

"The children of Jane Louise Wetsel[8] [James Arthur Wetsel,[7] Maude E. McFarland,[6] Minnie M. Wigfield,[5] John T.,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Christopher Mead:"

The foregoing shows that Jane Louise Wetsel is of the eighth generation from her ggggg grandfather, Thomas Wigfield. Each generation in her ancestry is indicated by a numeral, as is her relationship to it. It will be seen that her father, James Arthur Wetsel, is of the seventh generation, her grandmother Maude E. McFarland, is of the sixth generation and her great grandmother Minnie M. Wigfield, is of the fifth generation, and, continuing in the descending order to Thomas Wigfield. It follows that the children of Jane Louise Wetsel and her husband, Christopher Mead, are of the ninth generation.

For most people, determining the degree of cousinship is perplexing, principally because the method is not understood. The Encyclopaedia Britannica offers this definition:

"Children of brothers and sisters are to each other first cousins. The children of first cousins are to each other second cousins, and so on; the child of a first cousin is to the first cousin of his father or mother a first cousin once removed."

Most people express surprise when they are told that if they trace their ancestry back through the tenth generation they have 1024 grandparents. An examination of the chart which follows will prove the accuracy of this statement.

Generations	
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	32
6	64
7	128
8	256
9	512
10	1024

It will be seen from the above chart that you, the reader, as number 1, stand alone with two ancestors only, your father and mother; and that they as number 2 have four ancestors, their fathers and their mothers, and so on back to the fifth generation where you have thirty two ancestors, and so back to the tenth generation where it will be seen that you have 1024 ancestors.

Generally, a generation is considered to be 25 years so that if one traces one's ancestry back five generations it will cover a span of 125 years and 10 generations 250 years.

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"He who cares not whence he came, cares not whither he goes" Ben Johnson

D E D I C A T I O N

This book is dedicated to the memory of my mother, Effie Julia Wigfield Bradshaw, (8 Dec. 1889-31 Dec. 1980) daughter of Douglas Nelson Wigfield and Dora Lee Moore Parr Wigfield. It was her interest in history and curiosity as to the identity of her forebears that encouraged and inspired me to undertake the research for this book.

P A R T O N E

T H O M A S W I G F I E L D

CHAPTER I

THOMAS WIGFIELD[1] was born in 1743, probably in Prince George's County, Maryland, and died in Fauquier County, Virginia, sometime after executing his will there 24 May 1814, and its probate on 24 June 1816.[1] At the time of his birth, George Washington was 11 years of age and the combined population of the original 13 colonies had not yet reached 700,000.

The parents of Thomas Wigfield are not known, but it seems likely that the Matthew Wigfield and Joseph Wigfield who were listed in the 1776 census of St. John's and Prince George's Parishes of Prince George's County, Maryland, were his brothers. Thomas Wigfield is listed in that census as being age 33., Matthew age 41 and Joseph age 28.

There is a reasonable possibility that their father was the Matthew Wiggfeild, who in 1733, was listed among the taxables in Upper Piscataway Hundred of Prince George's County, Maryland, the list having been taken by John Hawkins, Constable. (Calendar of Maryland State Papers, page 39) Matthew Wiggfeild, having been of an age in 1733 to make him liable for the payment of taxes, would have been old enough to have been the father of Matthew, Thomas and Joseph. Since Matthew was the eldest of the (presumed) three Wigfield brothers, and if in fact they were the sons of Matthew Wiggfeild, it seems likely that he, the eldest son, would have been named for his father.

No record has been found of Thomas Wigfield's marriage. In the "List of Inhabitants in St. John's and Prince George's Parishes contained in Prince George's County, Maryland," dated 31 August 1776, Thomas Wigfield's family is recorded as consisting of 4 males, ages 33, 20, 13 and 2, and 2 females, ages 34 and 73. The female, age 34, is listed under the name "Radie", probably a nick-name for Rhoda, almost certainly is his wife.

The "Register of Piscataway or St. John's Parish, Prince George's County, Md., 1689-1801," at page 319, records the birth on 16 Oct. 1774, of "Martha, daughter of Thomas and Rhoda Wigfield." This Register, at page 398, records the funeral of "Mrs. Wigfield" on 2 Oct. 1793. She may have been the female, age 73, who was shown as residing in the home of Thomas Wigfield as recorded by the census of 1776.

There is no proof, but she may have been his mother, and if so, the widow of Natthew Wiggfeild. Almost certainly, the male, age 2, listed in the above referenced census, was John, son of Thomas and Rhoda Wigfield.[5] The male, age 20 and the male age 13 have not been accounted for, but, because of his age, the male age 20, could not have been their son.

No record has been found of Thomas Wigfield having served in the Revolutionary War, but at the Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md., there is recorded Osborn Sprigg's return for Prince George's County, Md., showing that Thomas Wigfield took the Oath of Fidelity as required by law, on 23 March 1779. Having taken this oath prior to the end of the Revolutionary War, qualifies him as a Patriot and makes his descendants eligible for

membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution or the Sons of the American Revolution.

By 1784 Thomas Wigfield had removed to Fauquier County, Va., for in that year the tax records of that county reveal that he paid taxes on 4 horses and 4 head of cattle. Three years later, by deed dated 21 February 1787, and recorded in Deed Book 9 at page 320, Fauquier County, Va., he, his wife Rody, and his son, John Johnson Wigfield, took title to a leasehold for the life of the survivor of them, in a 109 acre tract of land, it being a part of the Manor of Leeds.

It is interesting to note that Thomas Wigfield purchased his leasehold from "Denny Fairfax, lately called Denny Martin, of Leeds Castle, County of Kent, and Kingdom of Great Britain, Clerk, a devisee and Legatee named in the last will and testament of the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Fairfax, Baron of Cameron, in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, and proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia---." The foregoing is quoted from part of the premble to Thomas Wigfield's deed. By the terms of the deed, annual rent of one pound, seven shillings and three pence was required to be paid.[2] By deed dated 22 April 1809, he conveyed[3] to his son, John Wigfield, a one-half interest in this property.

Thomas Wigfield's will dated 24 May 1814 and proven in the Fauquier County, Va. Court 24 June 1816, is quoted in full:

"In the name of God amen. I Thomas Wigfield of Fauquier County in the State of Virginia, weak in body but of sound mind & memory, knowing all men are once to die, do make and ordain this my last will and

testament.
Item, I give and bequeath to my son John Wigfield, at my decease, the lot of land whereon I now live to him & his heirs. Second, I give and bequeath to my Daughter, Nancy Odey, one negro girl named Dolly, together with her increase, to her & to her heirs forever. Lastly, it is my will and desire that whatever property of what kind soever, that I may die possessed if not particular named, that the same to be sold and the money arising therefrom, after paying all my just debts, be equally divided between my four children to wit: John Wigfield, Martha Healy, Nancy Odey & Darkey Hamrick, to them and to their heirs forever, and moreover I do constitute and appoint my son John Wigfield, my Executor, to this my last will and testament.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 24th. day of May 1814." The testator signed his will by making his mark (x) and this was witnessed by Baldwin Bradford and James Kennear.[1]

The personal estate of Thomas Wigfield was appraised by Thomas W. Barbee, John Barbee, Edward Smoot and Samuel Smoot, who filed their inventory 6 July 1816 in the County Court for Fauquier County, Va. The total value of the personal estate as reported by the appraisers was $1021.08. Some of the items appraised were:

1 Big Wheel (spinning)	$ 2.50
2 Linen wheels	3.67
8 sheep & 4 lambs	30.00
10 head of geese	3.32
2 cows	30.00
1 steer	5.00
10 head of hogs	40.00

1 Negro woman & child	450.00
1 Negro boy named Alfred	200.00

John Wigfield, the Executor, filed his account in the same court 21 November 1816, and in this account he reported that he had paid $8.00 for his father's coffin and the further sums of $1.00 to Dr. Stribling and fifty cents to Dr. Windsor-no doubt for medical services rendered to his father.

The children of Thomas Wigfield[1] and Rhoda (?Johnson):

i. **MARTHA**, b. 16 Oct. 1774, Prince George's Co. Md.[4] mar. David Healey [Hailey] 23 Sept. 1793, Fauquier Co., Va.[6] Her father signed his consent to the marriage.[6]

ii. **JOHN JOHNSON**, b. 1774, Prince George's Co., Md.,[5] mar. Charlotte Oder, 27 Dec. 1810, Fauquier Co., Va.[6]

iii. **DARCUS "DARKEY"**, b. Prince George's Co., Md., but date unknown, mar. Peyton Hansback (Hamrick in her father's will) in Fauquier Co., Va., 5 Oct. 1801.[6]

iv. **NANCY**, b. Prince George's Co., Md., 1781, mar. Elwood Odey (Oder) Nov. 1810, Fauquier Co., Va.[6] He was a brother of Charlotte, who was to marry Nancy's brother, John, 40 days later, on 27 Dec. 1810. Nancy died in Coshocton, Ohio, in 1861 at age 80.

The 1810 census of Fauquier Co., reveals that Thomas Wigfield's family consisted of 1 male between the ages of 10 and 15; 1 male between the ages of 26 and 44; 1 male more than 45 years and 1 female between the ages of 10 and 15; 1 female between the ages of 26 and 44 and 1 female more than 45 years of

age. Almost certainly the persons listed as being more than 45 years of age were Thomas Wigfield and his wife Rhoda, and it seems likely that the male and female, each listed as being between the ages of 26 and 44, were John Johnson, their son, and Nancy, their daughter, both of whom would be married before the end of that year. The male, between the ages of 10 and 15 is unidentified, but he could have been a grandson-perhaps the son of one of their daughters, Martha or Darcus. The census also lists 4 slaves in the family.

The date of death of Rhoda Wigfield has not been found but it appears that it occurred sometime after the 1810 census was taken and 24 May 1814, the date Thomas Wigfield executed his will since she was not mentioned in that document.

Rhoda Wigfield's family name remains a mystery but one is tempted to speculate that it may have been Johnson, when one takes into account the following facts: The George Johnson family, consisting, in part, of George, his daughter Nancy, and his brother Presley, were residents of Prince George's Co., Md., and evidently moved to Fauquier Co., Va., at or about the same time as did Thomas Wigfield and his family. Each bought leasehold property adjoining the other, and both deeds were executed the same date and also recorded in the County Clerk's office on the same date. Thomas and Rhoda named their only son, John **Johnson** and one of their daughters **Nancy**-both names from the Johnson family.

As has been stated before, Nancy Wigfield, daughter of Thomas, married Elwood Oder. This couple were the parents of Elwood Smith Oder, a physician who practiced his

profession in Bolivar, Polk Co., Mo. The 1880 census of Bolivar, Polk Co., Mo. records Dr. Oder as having stated to the census taker that his mother was born in Maryland. This, coupled with the previously stated facts, leads to the conclusion that the Wigfield family of Fauquier Co., Va., had its origin in Maryland, and not in Virginia as has been claimed by some family historians.

NOTES & REFERENCES

1. Fauquier Co., Va., Will Book 6, p. 259.

2. Rev. Denny Martin was the eldest son of Frances, a sister of Lord Fairfax. He first came to Virginia in 1784 to claim the estate of his uncle. He died in England 3 April 1800.

3. Fauquier Co., Va., Deed Book 17 p. 350.

4. Md. Hall of Records. Register 1689-1801 Piscataway or St. John's Parish.

5. Md. Hall of Records. List of Inhabitants of St. John's and Prince George's Parish. This list, dated 31 Aug. 1776, shows that there is a 2 year old male in the family of Thomas Wigfield-likely his son John.

6. Fauquier County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds.

"It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors." Plutarch

"Genealogy is a science that appeals to the normal and healthy mind of all intelligent human beings. Its methods have developed to give aid in satisfying an inborn human craving to know, insofar as it is possible to accurately determine it, the vital facts concerning one's forebears. It is essentially democratic in its appeal. Emphatically it is not the prerogative of the temporarily rich and the self-regarded aristocrat". John R. Totten

J O H N J O H N S O N W I G F I E L D

CHAPTER II

JOHN JOHNSON[2]WIGFIELD [Thomas[1]] was born in Prince George's Co., Md., in 1774, the year before Paul Revere made his famous ride, and the year before Patrick Henry made his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech. He died in Fauquier Co., Va., in 1864.

John Johnson Wigfield was the only son of Thomas and Rhoda Wigfield. Rhoda's family name has not been established with certainty, but there is reason to believe that it was Johnson.

John Johnson Wigfield and Charlotte Oder were married 27 Dec. 1810 in Fauquier Co., Va, and their Marriage Bond is of record in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Fauquier Co., Va.[1] Because of its quaint language and unique nature, this bond is quoted in its entirety:

"Know all men by these presents that we, John Wigfield and Elwood Oder are held & firmly bound unto John Tyler, Esq., Governor of Virginia, in the just & full sum of $150.00 to which payment well & truly to be made, we bind ourselves and each of us jointly & severally firmly, by these presents Sealed with our Seals & Dated this 27th. day of December 1810.

"The condition of this above obligation is such that Whereas a Marriage is Shortly

intended to be had & Solemnized between the above bound John Wigfield & Charlotte Oder, daughter of Joseph Oder, now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said intended marriage, then the Obligation to be void else to remain in full force & virtue in Law.

John Wigfield [Seal]
Elwood Oder [Seal]"

Although the bride was then 26 years of age, (the 1850 census for Fauquier Co., Va. states that she then was 66 years of age) her father, Joseph Oder, nevertheless signed a written consent to the marriage and his consent is attached to the Marriage Bond. One wonders why such a consent was considered necessary!

Elwood and Charlotte Oder were brother and sister, two of the several children of Joseph Oder who was born 3 August 1751 in that part of Prince William Co., Va., which later became Fauquier Co. According to information contained in the application of Mrs. Beatrice Skirvin Moore for membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution, [National Number 525125], Joseph Oder served as a private soldier in the Revolutionary War through the final battle at Yorktown.

One of Elwood and Nancy Wigfield Oder's sons was Elwood Smith Oder who became a physician and practiced his profession at Bolivar, Polk Co., Mo. Dr. Oder is mentioned at page 685 of "History of Hickory, Polk, Dade and Barton Counties, Mo." published in 1889: "---he was born in Culpeper Co., Va., Oct. 11, 1818, and is the son of Elwood and Nancy Wigfield Oder. The father was a farmer by occupation, and had been a soldier in the War of 1812. In 1823 he went on a collecting tour, and had obtained a large sum of money,

for which, it is supposed, he was killed, as nothing was ever heard from him."

From the census records for Fauquier Co., Va., it appears that John Johnson Wigfield's fortunes steadily improved, no doubt as a result of good management. The 1820 census listed him as the owner of 6 slaves. By 1830 he had 13 and in the 1840 census he is shown to have had 12. In a special census of slaves taken in the south west district of Fauquier Co. in 1860, he is listed as the owner of 21 slaves, ages 4 to 80, housed in 5 houses on his plantation. An 80 year old female slave was listed as a fugitive from the state.

The Land Tax Book for 1855-59 show that John Wigfield paid taxes for the year 1855 on 401 acres of land lying 9 miles N. W. of the Court House, the same being adjacent to the lands of John H. Gaskins. The land and buildings were valued at $4010.00 upon which a tax of $10.69 was levied.

John Johnson Wigfield died in Fauquier Co., Va., in 1864 as stated in Chancery suit 314 filed in that county. The date of the death of his wife, Charlotte, is not known but it occurred subsequent to the 1850 census where she was listed as being 66 years of age, and 18 April 1855, the date her husband executed his will. Not having been mentioned in his will, it is reasonable to conclude that she predeceased him.

John J. Wigfield's will was admitted to probate 23 April 1866 by the Fauquier County Court--just one year after the War Between the States ended at Appomattox Court House, Va. The two year delay in probating the will was caused, no doubt, by the virtual collapse of the governmental processes during the

final year of the War and during the first year following its end.

In recent years, great confusion has developed in the Wigfield family because some of its branches have adopted the name "Wingfield." This confusion may have had its origin in the errors committed by William A. Jennings, the County Clerk of Fauquier Co., when he copied John J. Wigfield's will into Will Book 30, commencing at page 142 where it will be noted that he used both "Wigfield" and "Wingfield."

John J. Wigfield's will follows, copied exactly as it appears of record:

"I, John J. Wingfield of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia, being of sound and disposing mind and calling to mind the uncertainty of life, do make and ordain this as my last will and testament--

"1st. I revoke and annul any and every will heretofore made by me.

"2d. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas S. Wingfield my negroes Adeline, Ann and her children, Mildred, John and Addison, and such children as any of them may have from the day mentioned in this will, at the date thereof.

"3d. I confirm the gift of Norah and her children, heretofore made by me to my daughter, Lucinda Compton, wife of John A. Compton.

"4th. My remainding slaves, I direct to be divided into two parts of equal value, one of which I give and bequeath to my son, Thomas S. **Wigfield** as his own to all intents and purposes, and the other of which I give

to him and bequeath to him in trust for the sole and separate use of my said daughter, Lucinda Compton, during her natural life, and free and exempt from the use and control of her present, or any future husband, and at her death, the same shall then be divided equally among her children, and the descendants of any of them who shall or may then be dead, but such descendants shall only have or take the portion of their deceased parent or parents.

"5th. I bequeath and devise the tract of land on which I now reside in the County of Fauquier, and adjoining the lands of the late William McCormick, of Isham Keith and John Gaskins, and containing by estimation, four hundred acres, to my son Thomas S. Wingfield and his heirs, but I subject it to a charge of Two Thousand Dollars to be held by him in trust for the sole and separate use of my daughter, Lucinda Compton, during her natural life and free and exempt from the use and control of her present or any future husband, and at her death the same shall be then equally divided among her children, and the descendants of any of them who shall or may then be dead, but such descendants shall only have or take the portion or portions of their deceased parent or parents. The said sum shall bear interest at the end of six months from my death, and the said Trustee shall with the consent of my said daughter, invest it in real or personal property, or stock of the State of Virginia, to be held in Trust for the use, purpose, and with the terms and conditions above specified.

"6th. I direct the residue of my property of every kind and description to be divided into two parts of equal value, one of which I give and bequeath to my son Thomas S. **Wigfield** and the other I give and bequeath to

him in trust for the sole and separate use of my daughter, Lucinda Compton, during her natural life, and at her death to be divided and disposed of as above directed and prescribed, touching and concerning the slaves and the two thousand dollars, above bequeathed to the said Thomas, as Trustee.

"7th. In the division of the residue of the property mentioned in the above 6th. clause, I direct that my said daughters portion shall be charged with the sum of five hundred dollars, and that neither she or her husband or their representatives, shall be charged with a bond of One Thousand Dollars given by them to me, or with any other sum heretofore advanced or loaned to them or either of them.

"8th. I constitute my son, Thomas S. Wingfield, my Executor.

"In testimony whereof my name has been signed by me this 18th. day of April 1855.

John J. Wingfield"

(The will was witnessed by Jno. S. Byrne, George G. Booth and Elkan Lyon.)

By order of the Fauquier Co. Court dated 26 Feb. 1866, Nimrod T. Ashby, George Moore and Robert Hume, were appointed appraisers of the personal estate and they filed their inventory 26 March 1866 and it is recorded in Will Book 30 at page 112. (It is interesting to note that 15 years later, one of George Moore's grand daughters, Dora Lee Moore Parr, married one of John J. Wigfield's grandsons, Douglas Nelson Wigfield.)

The total value of the personal estate $746.50, a spectacular decline from the

decedant's more affluent state just prior to the War. Some items appraised were:

2 small feather beds	$ 15.00
2 old quilts	3.00
2 counterpeins	3.00
1 chest & bureau	1.50
3 chairs @ .75	2.25
1 ox cart	12.00
1 cow	40.00
1 bull	25.00
1 roan mare	100.00
1 bay mare (old)	50.00

Altogether, the name Wigfield appears 11 times in the appraisers inventory, and not once did they use the name "Wingfield."

The children of John Johnson[2] Wigfield [Thomas[1]] and Charlotte Oder:

i. **LUCINDA**, b. Fauquier Co., Va. Her birthdate is not known. She mar. John Alexander Compton, 19 Aug. 1833, in Fauquier Co., Va.[1] Her father signed the Marriage Bond at "Pleasant Hill," his plantation.

ii. **THOMAS SMITH**, b. 13 June 1813[2] mar. 12 Jan, 1835, Fauquier Co., Va.,[1] Ann E. Nelson, daughter of John B. Nelson and Cynthia Ann Withers. Thomas Smith Wigfield died 18 Dec. 1897, and he is buried in Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va.

The 1850 Census of Fauquier Co., Va. lists Margaret Cumpton (Compton) age 15 living in the home of John J. Wigfield, her grandfather. She was the eldest of 6 children of John Alexander Compton and Lucinda Wigfield. She later married John L. Spicer, and in 1876, was living in Comanchee, Texas. The census records also reveal that

Lucinda Clement, age 20, was living in the same home. The relationship, if any, of this person to John Johnson Wigfield is not known.

In a Chancery suit filed in Fauquier Co., Va., in July 1876, and previously mentioned, the children of John Alexander Compton and Lucinda Wigfield (all daughters) are named. The names of their husbands also are listed as are the place of residence (in 1876) of each daughter and her husband. In addition to Margaret, already mentioned, the Compton daughters, their husbands and their places of residence were:

Charlotte D., mar. Evan F. Lowther, residing in Clarksburg, W. Va.

Mary E., mar. John A. Lyon, residing in Clarksburg, W. Va.

Lucy A., mar. William E. Robinson, residing in Chapel, Howell Co., Missouri.

Sophronia P., mar. Andrew Lyon, residing in Midland, Colfax Co., Nebraska.

Rachel A., mar. Isaac T. Davis, residing in Clarksburg, W. Va.

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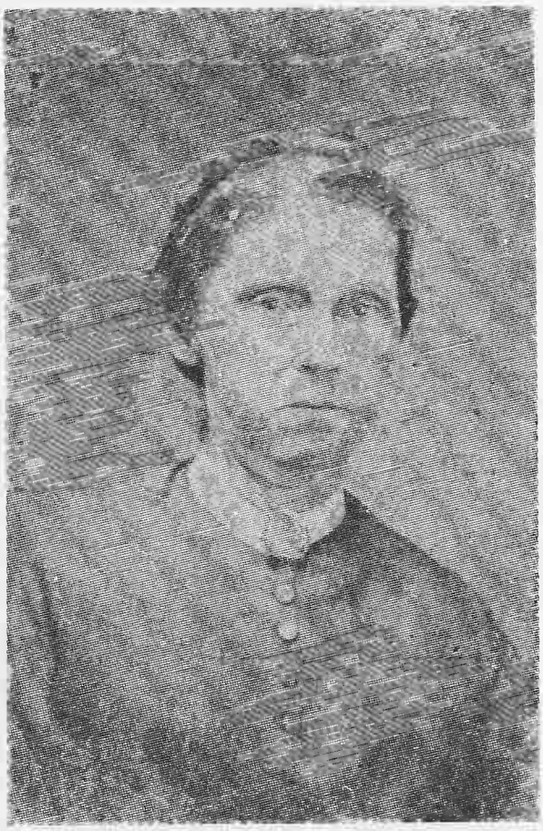
2. From gravestone, WarrentonCemmetery, Warrenton, Va.



Top: Standing, Thomas Smith Wigfield (1813-1897), his son, William Henry (1844-1919) and his daughters, Mary Elizabeth Gay (1848-1930) and Ann Charlotte (1852-1924). Picture was taken in 1867 or 1868.

Bottom: Anne E. Nelson (1817-1879), wife of Thomas Smith Wigfield.

To thy Granddaughter Eva Keith.
Honor thy Father and thy mother,
Love thy sisters and thy brother
So a long life you may obtain,
So your days may be a lasting gain.
You are now in the morning of youth
You must try to cultivate virtue and truth
By conforming to what is written on this page
And you will not have a remorse in old age.
Thos. S. Wigfield
Jan. 7th 1880.

To Little Eva

"To live that, when all thy years are past
Which God in his grace will send
Eternities joys shall crown the last.
With a bliss that knows no end.
Your Grand Mother"

Mount Airy,
April 4th, 1886.

M. L. Hume

Top: Thomas Smith Wigfield offers poetic advice to his granddaughter, Eva Keith (1872-1949). (She married Jesse Marshall Moffett).

Bottom: Mary Lavinia Hume, her grandmother, also offers advice to Eva.

T H O M A S S M I T H W I G F I E L D

CHAPTER III

THOMAS SMITH[3] WIGFIELD [John Johnson[2], Thomas[1]] was born in Fauquier Co., Va., 13 June 1813,[1] the year the U. S. fleet under Capt. Oliver Hazard Perry, defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie. In the year following his birth, the British captured Washington, D. C., burned the Capitol and the White House and Francis Scott Key wrote the lyrics to "The Star Spangled Banner."

Thomas Smith Wigfield was the only son of John Johnson Wigfield and Charlotte Oder. Like his father, who lived to be at least 90 years of age, he lived a long life, being in his 85th. year when he died in Fauquier Co., Va., 18 Dec. 1897.[1] He and his wife, Ann E. Nelson, are buried in the Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va.

They were married in Fauquier Co., Va., 12 Jan. 1835, John B. Nelson, the father of the bride signing the Marriage Bond in the penalty of $150.00. Appended to the bond is his written consent to the marriage, it also being dated 12 January 1835:

"Here in the presence of these two witnesses, I do acknowledge that I am willing that Thomas Wigfield and my daughter, Ann, should be married and that you, the Clerk of Fauquier County, should issue them licence, whereof as witness my hand and seal."

The foregoing consent was signed by John Nelson, the bride's father, and witnessed by John A. Compton, the brother-in-law of the groom.

The bride was born 20 Nov. 1817, the birthplace not being known with certainty but it seems likely that she was born in Fauquier Co., Va. She was a grand daughter of Joseph Nelson and Catherine Obannon who were married in Fauquier Co., Va., 23 Dec. 1771.

On 26 May 1790, Joseph Nelson and his second wife, Jane Bradford Nelson, together with others, sold to Fauquier Co., for the sum of 5 shillings, 1 acre 47 poles of land "for the purpose of erecting thereon a courthouse, prison, pillory, whipping post and stocks and for no other use, intent or purpose whatsoever." The deed conveying this land is recorded in Deed Book 10, at Page 304, of the Fauquier Co., Va., Land Records.

The 1850 census of Rappahannock Co., Va., at page 154, lists the family of Thomas Wigfield, age 37 and Ann, age 32. Also listed are their children; John T. age 14, Martha age 11, James age 8, William age 6 and Mary Gay age 2.

The 1870 census of Fauquier Co., Va., at page 123, house 772, lists Thomas S. Wigfield age 59 and Ann E. Wigfield age 47, together with their children, Anna C. age 18 and Douglas N. age 15, all living in the home of W. H. Wigfield, an older son of Thomas Smith and Ann E. Wigfield.

Living next door at house 771 was George Moore and his third wife, Frances Gaskins Moore, a daughter of John H. Gaskins, who, it will be remembered, owned lands bounding the plantation of John Johnson Wigfield, father

of Thomas Smith Wigfield. Also, it should be remembered, as previously stated, that one of George Moore's grand-daughters, Dora Lee Moore Parr, married one of Thomas Smith Wigfield's sons, Douglas Nelson Wigfield.

The 1880 census of Fauquier Co., Va., at page 8, house 9, lists Thomas Wigfield, age 66 living in Centre District and his occupation as overseer of roads. Living with him was his youngest son, Douglas age 24. His wife Ann, had died a year before, on 29 June 1879.

The children of Thomas Smith[3] Wigfield [John Johnson,[2] Thomas[1]] and Ann E. Nelson:

i. JOHN THOMAS, b. Fauquier Co., Va., 25 April 1836, mar. Mary C. Johnson, of Jackson Co., Mo., 5 June 1860.[2]

ii. MARTHA "MATTIE" WASHINGTON, b. 7 May 1839,[2] Fauquier Co., Va., mar. firstly, Samuel D. Newberry, secondly, Robert E. Richmond and thirdly, George Alexander Shoemaker. She died 5 March 1929 in Spofford, Kinney Co., Texas, and is buried there in the Vincent Family Cemetery.

iii. JAMES ARTHUR, b. Fauquier Co., Va., 6 Aug. 1841, mar. Emma Grant, dau. of Capt. Turner Grant and Mary Nelson. He died 25 July 1914 in Alexandria, Va. and is buried there in the Bethel Cemetery.

iv. WILLIAM HENRY, b. Fauquier Co., Va., 1 June 1844. mar. Susan Payne Keith, born 11 May 1847, dau. of Marshall Keith and Mary Lavinia Hume, 18 July 1871, Fauquier Co. He died 9 Feb. 1919 and is buried in a family cemetery near Parr's Mill, Fauquier Co., Va. A family member has stated that the cemetery has been destroyed. She

died 25 Aug. 1921 at Basic City, Va. and is buried in Mt. Airy Cem. at Dudie, Fauquier Co., Va.

v. **MARY ELIZABETH GAY**, b. Fauquier Co. Va., 17 June 1848, mar. Joseph Henry Nelson, 8 Jan. 1866, Fauquier Co. He was born 23 Nov. 1839, Fauquier Co., Va., son of Thomas Henry Nelson and Mary Frances Bise. Joseph Henry Nelson died 29 Nov. 1904, his wife on 26 Oct. 1930 and both are buried in the Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va.

vi. **ANN CHARLOTTE**, b. 2 Sept. 1852, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. James William Shackleford, son of James W. Shackelford and Elizabeth Chapman Duncan, 10 April 1871, Fauquier Co., Va. She died 21 Oct. 1924 at Pittsburg, Pa., and he 12 Nov. 1916 and both are buried in the Remington Cemetery, Remington, Va.

vii. **DOUGLAS NELSON**, b. 3 May 1856, mar. 27 April 1881, Dora Lee Moore Parr, dau. of Andrew Jackson Parr and Julia Anna Moore, 27 April 1881.$_3$ He died 17 July 1898 at Roseville, Stafford Co., Va., and is buried in the Ramoth Baptist Church Cemetery, Stafford, Va. She died 24 March 1931 at New Baltimore, Fauquier Co., Va. and is buried in the Orleans Cem., Fauquier Co.

Although Thomas Smith Wigfield generally was addressed as "Captain", his name thus far has not been found on any Confederate army roster. However, one of his daughters, Ann Charlotte Wigfield Shackleford, upon applying for membership in the Bowen-Martin Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy on 24 July 1915, stated in part:

"My father, Thomas S. Wigfield, in 1860, drilled a company and took them to Leesburg,

Loudon Co., Virginia. He being too old for further service, turned his men over to Col. Eppa Hunton, who commanded the 8th. Va. Regiment." Mrs. Shackleford was admitted to membership 28 July 1915, undoubtedly on the basis of the facts stated in her application.

Following the loss of his slaves, livestock, crops and other property during, and as a result of the War, Thomas Smith Wigfield's fortune went into a rapid decline, accelerated by a suit filed by his sister, Lucinda Wigfield Compton. This suit demanded the payment to her of her share of their father's estate, which he held in trust for her benefit pursuant to the terms of his will. Not being able to pay the money due her, the Fauquier Co. Court ordered his 406 acre farm--his only remaining asset, sold at public auction. James William Shackleford, his son-in-law, bought the property for $3208.00. Overwhelmed with debt, and not being able longer to cope with his financial problems, he sought relief in bankruptcy, and he was so adjudicated.

Following his death, his obituary was published and it is quoted in full:

"Captain Wigfield

"On Dec. 18th. 1897, Mr. Thomas S. Wigfield, better known as Captain Wigfield, died near Catletts Station, Fauquier County, Va., at the home of Mrs. Warren A. Payne, where he had been boarding for some time, aged 85 years.

"He was converted thirty years ago and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church and until death was one of its most ardent admirers. In all his relations to the church he showed his devotion to her interest, and

was ever ready to make any sacrifice within his power for its welfare. His earnest and consistent life endeared him to all the community in which he lived. His exemplary character, integrity of purpose and faithful discharge of his duty won for him the esteem of all who knew him. In recent days, when his head was hoary and his form bent with the cares of many years, he could no longer be active in church work, the Bible was his delight and comfort. He read many good books, and the visits of all Christian people were to him benedictions, and equally such to them.

"In times of prosperity and adversity his arm was ever outstretched and his shoulder to the wheel to help forward deeds of charity.

"In ante-bellum days, before he took up arms in defence of home and country, before the blight of war had wrecked his fortune, before his beloved wife had been called to celestial realms, he presided with grace, integrity and firm dignity as husband and father over a home where order, law and love were ruling influences. This was a home where visitors loved to go, to the hospitality of many a benighted traveller and weary minister could testify.

"A good, true and faithful man had been laid to rest, to await the resurrection of the just.

ONE WHO KNEW HIM"[4]

Thomas Smith Wigfield lived at a time of momentous events. He was born while the War of 1812 was being fought and lived through the horrors of the War Between the States, in which conflict he participated, as did two of his sons and three of his sons-in-law. When

he was born James Madison was President, to be followed by James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, and much later by Abraham Lincoln. At the time of his death, William McKinley was President.

Thomas Smith Wigfield's father, John Johnson Wigfield, was born at the very onset of the Revolutionary War and both he and his father, Thomas Wigfield, lived through the administrations of Presidents George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and many others that followed. Both of these men may have known Presidents Washington and Jefferson, both fellow Virginians, and almost certainly they knew Chief Justice John Marshall, who was their neighbor.

During the period embraced by the lives of these three men, 1743-1897, events, both great and small, profoundly influenced the lives of those then living, as well as those who followed them and those living today. Consider the following:

The French and Indian War raged; Benjamin Franklin invented his famous stove and the lightening rod; the first day of January was adopted as the first day of the year, rather than March 25; the British Parliament passed the Tea Act, which triggered the Revolution; Lord Cornwallis surrendered the British army at Yorktown, Va., ending the Revolutionary War; William Hill Brown wrote "the Power of Sympathy," considered to be the first American novel; Washington, D. C. became the seat of government.

Having lived a very long life bearing the surname of his father and of his grandfather, Thomas Smith Wigfield would be confounded were he to see his name inscribed on his tombstone as Thomas Smith **Wingfield!**

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1. Gravestone inscription, Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va.

2. The birth and marriage dates have not been confirmed. They were taken from notes made by a grand-niece, Phyllis Shackelford Dorn. (1904-1978)

3. Birth, marriage and death dates, of the seven children of Thomas Smith Wigfield and Ann E. Nelson, have been extracted from Bible and family records.

4. Probably from a church newspaper. The clipping is in the possession of Mary and Mattie Rector, sisters, and great grand daughters of Thomas Smith Wigfield and Ann E. Nelson.

"No greater calamity can happen to a people than to break with the past." Gladstone

P A R T T W O

J O H N T H O M A S W I G F I E L D

CHAPTER IV

JOHN THOMAS[4] WIGFIELD [Thomas S.[3], John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] was born in Fauquier Co., Va., 25 April 1836, the year the Mexican army under Gen. Santa Anna massacred the Texans at the Alamo. Also, it was the year William Holmes McGuffey published his famous Readers.

He was the eldest of four sons and three daughters of Thomas Smith Wigfield and Ann E. Nelson. His three brothers lived their entire lives in Virginia, as did his sisters, with the exception of one, Martha Washington, who in late life, joined one of her sons to live in Texas.

John Thomas Wigfield seems to have had little or no contact with his brothers and sisters after he left Virginia before the beginning of the War Between the States. It has not been determined when he left his native state since virtually no records relating to him survive. He is listed in the 1850 census of Rappahannock Co., Va., as age 14 and living there with his parents.

In a publication issued by the University of Virginia, "Students of the University of Virginia--A Semi-Centennial Catalogue," (1872), he is listed as having entered the University in 1856, and at that time, (1872) he was principal of a school in Morrisville, Polk Co., Mo. Research at the Alderman Library at the University, revealed that he

was enrolled in the law school in 1856-57.[1] Although some family correspondence indicates that at some point in his life he was engaged in the practice of law in Missouri, no evidence has been found to that effect.

In hand written notes left by Phyllis Shackleford Dorn, (1904-1978) a grand-niece, it is stated that John Thomas Wigfield married Mary C. Johnson, of Jackson Co., Mo., 5 June 1860, but this statement has not been confirmed, nor is the place of marriage known.

The 1850 census of Jackson Co., Mo., lists Mary, age 7, as being part of the family of Reuben and Julia Johnson, both aged 44. The family owned property valued at $6000.00, which included the value of 3 slaves. The census record reveals that Reuben Johnson was born in Virginia, which raises the possibility that he may have been a younger son of the George Johnson who moved to Fauquier Co., Va. at the same time as Thomas Wigfield, and became his neighbor.

Thomas Wigfield, and his wife Rhoda, were John Thomas Wigfield's grandparents. As previously stated, there is a possibility that Rhoda's family name was Johnson and that she was of the George Johnson family of Fauquier Co., Va., in which event Mary Johnson, daughter of Reuben, may have been a cousin of her husband, John Thomas Wigfield.

The records of the Southwest Missouri Conference (Methodist), confirm the appointment of "Prof. J. T. Wigfield as Principal of Morrisville Institute, such appointment to commence Sept. 1872." The same records reveal that "Prof. J. T. Wigfield has retired from the presidency of the institution." This occurred in 1876.

Upon leaving Polk Co., Mo., it appears that John Thomas Wigfield and his family moved to the adjoining county of Greene where the census for 1880 lists him as age 43 and his occupation as school teacher, his wife Mary C., age 38, a son, William E., age 18, a daughter, Minnie M., age 12, and a son, Charles B., age 4. The census record further reveals that Mary C. Wigfield was born in Missouri and that her mother and father were born in Virginia. This fact lends some credence to the assumption, previously made, that she may have been a member of the Johnson family, who were neighbors of the Wigfield family in Fauquier Co., Va.

By 1887 John Thomas Wigfield was living in Kansas City, Mo., where he was listed in the city directory for that year as a teacher. The 1888 directory again lists him as a teacher, his wife, Mary, and his son, William E., as a clerk. The foregoing is the last census or city directory record thus far found of John Thomas Wigfield.

Commencing with the year 1890, and continuing through the year 1899, the Kansas City directories list Mary C. Wigfield, as the widow of Thomas, and records her as living with her sons Charles and William. The directories for the years 1900 and 1905 record her as living with her daughter, Minnie Maude Wigfield McFarland and Minnie's husband, James English McFarland, a member of the police force.

Mary C. Wigfield died intestate in Kansas City, Mo., 9 March 1906, believing, no doubt, that for the last 17 years, she had been a widow. The record of the probate of her real and personal estate is recorded as Probate Case No. 7686 in the Probate Court of Jackson County, Mo. Her youngest son,

Charles B. Wigfield, served as administrator of her estate. In his final account the administrator reported a payment of $3.00 to W. E. McBride "for digging of grave for Mrs. Wigfield".

According to the recollection of Maude English McFarland Wetsel, shortly after the death of her grandmother, her grandfather, John Thomas Wigfield, came to visit her family and remained with them for a period of six months. When he first arrived he was not well received, but after a few days visiting he captivated them with his charm, grace and courtly manners.

He is remembered by his grand daughter as a handsome southern gentleman. He was 70 years of age at that time. Before leaving, he told his late wife's family that he had been living in Galveston, Texas, and that he was returning there. A careful search of the census records and of the Galveston city directories for the 17 year period he claimed he had lived there, revealed no record of him whatsoever.

Of the seven children of his parents, only one, John Thomas Wigfield, led a life which remains largely shrouded in mystery. No doubt, at some future time some other researcher will discover answers to the questions which naturally arise surrounding the life of this man.

Was he opposed to his native state seceding from the union, and, because of this opposition went west, to Missouri? Did he serve in the United States Army? Was Mary C. Johnson his cousin, and were they married in Virginia? Why did he settle in the Ozark country of Polk Co., Mo? Why did he not follow the family custom of naming his

children for their Wigfield parents, grandparents and great grandparents? All of these questions remain unanswered.

One is tempted to speculate on the answers to some of these questions, but the reader is cautioned not to regard such speculation as fact, but only as a stimulant to further research.

In considering the first question, one must remember that in the period immediately preceding the outbreak of the War Between the States, the majority of the people of Virginia were opposed to secession, and that it was only after the attack on Ft. Sumner that sentiment turned in favor of leaving the Union and joining the Confederacy. It was during this trying period that John Thomas Wigfield was a student at the University of Virginia and likely a participant in the heated debates which were inspired by the unrest then prevalent in the country. The University would have provided a ready forum for the expression sentiments on the state's rights and the slavery issues.

Abraham Lincoln and Sen. Stephen Douglas were engaged in their series of debates, focused on the slavery issue, then agitating the country. Perhaps he was against secession, and at the same time did not wish to take a position in clear opposition of his family's enthusiastic support of the Confederate cause and this may offer an explanation for his having left Virginia.

One must not overlook the possibility that he went to Polk Co., Mo., at the invitation of his first cousin once removed, Dr. Elwood Smith Oder, who enjoyed a flourishing medical practice in Bolivar, the

county seat of that county. No doubt Dr. Oder was a man of substance and importance in Polk Co. and thus able to assist his cousin in obtaining employment.

The most perplexing question which must remain unanswered for the time being, is the reason why John Thomas Wigfield abandoned his wife and young family in 1889 and did not reappear until after her death in 1906. It is interesting to note that in each annual city directory of Kansas City, Mo., commencing with the year 1890, Mary C. Wigfield lists herself as "widow of Thomas." This form of listing continued each year, with few exceptions, until 1905, the year before her death. Perhaps the circumstances of his leaving led her to conclude that her husband had lost his life. His return, only a few days after his wife's death, is proof that he maintained some means of obtaining information about his family. His grand daughter recalls that he was insistent upon receiving his share of his wife's estate, and upon receiving it he left and never was heard from again.

His grand daughter, Maude McFarland Wetsel, speaks fondly and admiringly of her grandmother:

"My grandmother seemed to be able to raise the children and support herself by selling portions of the farm she inherited from her family and by raising fruits and vegetables which she sometimes sold. Her property was between Kansas City and Independence. I remember her driving a horse and wagon into town and visiting us. We often visited her on her farm. I was six years old when she died but I have fond memories of her, including the birthday cakes she baked for me. She was a dear hardworking

woman."

As has been said earlier, John Thomas Wigfield seems to have lost his standing as a family member as no living descendant of any of his six brothers and sisters have heard of him, nor do they have any letters or family records relating to him.

By way of contrast, there exists a wealth of documentary, as well as remembered information handed down to present-day descendants of his brothers and sisters. From the foregoing one is led to conclude that his brothers and sisters found his conduct unacceptable and thus banished him from the family. This conclusion is pure speculation, based on the few skimpy facts which survive. Perhaps a more fovorable judgement of this man's life will be possible when more facts are uncovered.

The children of John Thomas[4] Wigfield [Thomas Smith,[3] John Johnson,[2] Thomas[1]] and Mary C. Johnson:

i. WILLIAM E., b. 1862[2] died 16 July 1906 in K. C., Mo., intestate, unmarried and without issue.

ii. MINNIE MAUDE, b. 24 May 1874, mar. 15 June 1898, K. C., Mo., James English McFarland, b. 1867 in Kentucky. He died 12 Sept. 1943, and she 1 Feb. 1945, both deaths in K. C., Mo.

iii. CHARLES B., b. May 1876[2] and died ca. 1942, in Kansas City, Mo., intestate, unmarried and without issue.

iv. IDA. (died in infancy)

Minnie Maude Wigfield was the only one of her parent's four children who married and

left descendants, and thus the Wigfield name has disappeared from her father's branch of the Wigfield family.

The children of Minnie Maude Wigfield[5] [John T.[4], Thomas S.[3], John J.[2], Thomas[1]] and James English McFarland:

i. **MAUDE ENGLISH,** b. 14 June 1900 at Kansas City, Missouri, mar. 1 June 1919 at K. C., Arthur Leon Wetsel, b. 6 Feb. 1899, K. C. and died in the same city 31 Aug. 1960.

ii. **NELLIE FAY,** b. 1901, mar. firstly, Thomas Charles Kehoe. He died in Kansas City in 1944 and she mar. secondly, Nicholas Mealy, and there was no issue of that marriage. She died 14 Sept. 1977.

The only child of Maude English McFarland[6] [Minnie Maude Wigfield,[5] John Thomas,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Arthur Leon Wetsel:

i. **JAMES ARTHUR** b. K. C., Mo., 16 Feb. 1921, mar. 19 June 1948, K. C., Mo., Mary Helen Leimert, who was born 2 June 1926 at Miles City, Montana.

The children of James Arthur Wetsel[7] [Maude E. McFarland,[6] Minnie M. Wigfield,[5] John T.,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Mary Helen Leimert:

i. **KATHY JEAN,** b. 7 Nov. 1950 at Augusta, Ga., mar. firstly on 15 Oct. 1973 at K. C., Mo., Kurt Herring, and secondly on 15 Aug. 1981 Edward Perry. There was no issue from either marriage.

ii. **DEBORAH LYNN,** She was born 19 May 1953 at K. C., Mo., mar. 6 Oct. 1972

at K. C., Mo., Dean Hutchinson.

iii. **JANE LOUISE,** She was born 25 Feb. 1958 at K. C., mar. 10 March 1979 at Phoenix, Az., Christopher Mead.

The children of Deborah Lynn Wetsel[8] [James Arthur Wetsel,[7] Maude E. McFarland,[6] Minnie M. Wigfield,[5] John T.,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Dean Hutchinson:

i. **DOUGLAS MERRILL,** b. 2 March 1977 at Kansas City, Mo.

ii. **DAVID JAMES,** b. 9 July 1978 at Kansas City, Mo.

iii. **DEANNA LYNN,** b. 3 April 1981 at Overland Park, Ks.

The children of Jane Louise Wetsel[8] [James Arthur Wetsel,[7] Maude E. McFarland,[6] Minnie M. Wigfield,[5] John T.,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Christopher Mead:

i. **JONOTHAN CHRISTOPHER,** b. 2 Dec. 1979 at Phoenix, Az.

ii. **AUDRA JANE,** b. 27 Dec. 1980 at Mesa, Az. and died 10 June 1981.

iii. **JAMES ANTHONY,** b. 12 June 1982 at Mesa, Az.

iv. **MEGAN LEIGH,** b. 10 March 1984 at Mesa, Az.

The only child of Nellie Fay McFarland[6] [Minnie M. Wigfield,[5] John T.,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Thomas Charles Kehoe:

i. **JOHN THOMAS KEHOE** b. 24 Aug. 1930, at K. C., Mo., mar. 25 Aug. 1962

at Ocean City, Md., Mary Louise Magee. He is a business executive, and on a part time basis, is a member of the faculties of California State U. at Sacramento and Golden Gate U. at San Francisco, California.

The children of John Thomas Kehoe[7] [Nellie Fay McFarland,[6] Minnie M. Wigfield,[5] John T.,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Mary Louise Magee:

i. **CARI,** b. 9 Nov. 1964 at Washington, D. C.

ii. **KATHLEEN,** b. 3 March 1967 at Washington, D. C.

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1. "Catalogue of the University of Virginia, Session of 1856-57."

2. 1880 census, Greene Co., Mo.

"The longer you can look back, the further you can look forward." Churchill

Left: Martha Washington Wigfield (1839-1929) at age 52, and her son, George Benjamin Shoemaker (1882-1905).

Right: Martha Washington Wigfield Shoemaker.

Left: William N. "Billy" Newberry (b. 6 March 1863) as a young man of about 20.

Right: "Billy" Newberry at about age 35.

M A R T H A W A S H I N G T O N
W I G F I E L D

CHAPTER V

MARTHA WASHINGTON WIGFIELD[4] [Thomas S.,[3]John J.,[2]Thomas[1]] was born in Fauquier Co., Va., 7 May 1839,[1] the year Louis Daguerre, the French physicist invented the daguerrotype process, the first form of photography. The following year William Henry Harrison, a Whig, was elected President.

Martha was the eldest of three daughters of Thomas Smith Wigfield and Ann E. Nelson. She had four brothers, three of whom were her junior. With the exception of her older brother, whose death date is not known, she out-lived all of them save one, her sister, Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield Nelson, who survived her by 19 months.

She was reared in a family of substance, and evidently lived a life of comfort and ease, at least until the outbreak of the War Between the States. During the course of that conflict, the family slaves were freed and eventually her father was forced into bankruptcy which event resulted in the loss of the family plantation.

The first of her three marriages took place on the threshold of the War, 31 Dec. 1860. On that date, when she was 21 years of age, she married Samuel Dickenson Newberry, age 35, a cattle dealer from Scott Co., Va., the son of Henry Newberry and Elizabeth Dickenson. The wedding took place at the home of her parents in Fauquier Co., Va.

The only child of Martha Washington Wigfield and Samuel Dickenson Newberry:

i. **WILLIAM A. "BILLY,"** b. 6 March 1863.

No record has been found of the place of his birth, but it seems likely that it occurred at the home of his mother's parents in Fauquier Co., Va. One of Martha Washington Wigfield's grand daughters, Laura May Richmond Gowens, recalls her grandmother stating that during the War, on an occasion when her parents house was being shelled, her father placed her and her son in a fireplace and then piled mattresses on them as protection.

Samuel Dickenson Newberry's military record has not been researched, but surviving family records sometimes refer to him as "captain" and at other times as "colonel". In any event, it is certain that he was an officer in the Confederate Army.

Captain (or Colonel) Newberry was murdered, and two accounts of the event have been found and both are quoted. The first is copied from notes made by Phyllis Shackelford Moore Dorn, (1904-1978) a grand-niece:

"Aunt Mat's (Martha Washington Wigfield Newberry) first husband, Mr. Newberry, was an officer in the Confederate Army and he had charge of paying the soldiers.

"Mr. Newberry had men under him who handled the money. One of these, a Mr. Menefee, was not paying the men , but he stole the money. Mr. Newberry discharged him from that position. A few weeks later when Mr. Newberry was attending the funeral of his mother, a few hours before the burial, a

soldier rode up to the front porch and asked to see Mr. Newberry. Mr. Newberry walked up to him and put his left hand on the horses neck. Menefee drew a revolver and shot Newberry through the heart; then, galloped away before anyone could stop him.

"Aunt Mat reached her husband in time to hear him say 'Menefee shot me.' Menefee was never captured."

"Mr. Menefee shot out West like a bolt and mother, (Acton Nelson Shackleford Moore) once had newspapers that had headlines about Mr. Menefee who rode with the Youngers, and was a pal of Billy the Kid. There were posters all over, in every sheriff's office for him, offering a reward of $10,000., dead or alive. His ultimate end I do not know."

The second account is taken from "The History and Genealogy of the Newberry Family, 1066--1943" by John Allen Newberry [1943] Gentry Bros. Printing Co., Huntington, W. Va. and is quoted in part:

"The wife of Henry Newberry died during the War Between the States. While the wife was lying a corpse, her son Samuel Dickenson Newberry, was shot and killed by Col. Menefee a Kentucky outlaw. He is said to have called the son out of the room in which his mother's body lay, and shot him down in the yard in absolute cold blood, and then made his escape. The tragedy happened just south of the railroad crossing at what is now (1940) the town of Coeburn, Wise Co., Va., about on the spot where the John B. Corn store was afterwards located. It is near where the J. O. Kennedy residence is located at this time."

The account goes on to state that Henry

Newberry married a second time and by his second wife, Pamelia Reynolds, had a son named Henry B. Newberry who became treasurer of Hardeman Co., Texas. This man died in a hospital in Ft. Worth, Texas, 19 May 1908, and is buried at Quanah, Texas.

Martha Washington Wigfield's second marriage was to Thomas Benton Richmond, she having been age 30 and he 27.[2] The marriage date was 25 Oct. 1869, the place not known, but it seems likely that it took place in Scott Co., Va. The 1870 census of Scott Co., Va., lists him as age 28, his occupation as clerk in store and the value of his personal property as $600.00. His family is shown to consist of himself, Martha W., age 31 and William N. Richmond, the latter certainly having been his bride's son "Billy" Newberry.

According to the 1850 census of Scott Co., Va., [page 794] Thomas Benton Richmond, age 8, was one of ten children of William Richmond, age 54, and Sally, age 47. The 1870 census [page 43] lists William as a retired farmer, age 74, and Sally as age 67.

Thomas Benton Richmond died of a fever 6 Sept. 1878, aged 36 years, 8 months and 18 days.

The children of Martha Washington Wigfield and Thomas Benton Richmond:

i. CHARLES BENTON, b. 4 Sept. 1870, Scott Co., Va., mar. 18 Dec. 1900, Annie Lochiel Pierce, dau. of John Franklin Pierce and Mary Jones. Charles Benton Richmond died 23 Nov. 1917 at Church Hill, Tenn.

ii. ROBERT ELLIOT, b. 9 March 1872, Scott Co., Va., mar. 1 Jan. 1896 at

Childress, Tex., Jennie Lee Womach, dau. of Andrew Jackson Womach and Liza Jane Jones. He died 9 Nov. 1953, she 25 Oct. 1959, both at Uvalde, Texas and both are buried in that city. They spent their entire married life in Texas, having lived in Quanah, San Antonio, Spofford and Uvalde. He was a rancher.

iii. **THOMAS BAKER,** b. 1877 (he was age 3 per 1880 census of Scott Co., Va.) mar. Ida Womach, sister of Jennie Lee, who married his brother, Robert Elliot. The date and place of his death is not known. He was buried at Quanah, Texas.

Martha Washington Wigfield's third husband was George Alexander Shoemaker, b. 12 March 1834 in Russell Co., Va., a son of Benjamin and Lavisa Shoemaker. They were married 14 Oct. 1881 in Scott Co., Va., he aged 43, she 37, both widowed. His first wife was Nancy E. Redwine, a widow. This marriage took place in Scott Co., Va., 13 March 1873. The 1880 census of Scott Co., Va. lists Alexander Shoemaker, age 40, and widowed, living in the home of Benjamin Shoemaker, his father, age 78. Living in the same house was Alexander's step-son, Cummins Redwine, age 14 and his step-daughter, Mary Redwine, age 20.

No record has been found of any children having been born to George Alexander Shoemaker and Nancy E. Redwine.

William A. "Billy" Newberry strongly opposed his mother's contemplated marriage to George Alexander Shoemaker. Mattie Pearl Richmond Steele, a grand daughter of Martha Washington Wigfield, has this to say:

"Billy stayed with grandmother until she

married Alex Shoemaker. He told her he would stay with her and take care of her as long as she needed him if she wouldn't marry Shoemaker. When she did he left home and came to Texas. My father and Uncle Baker followed him here later. Uncle Billy went to Old Mexico later and as far as we know he died there."

A grandson recalls that his grandmother told him that Billy stated to her that if she married Mr. Shoemaker, he would leave home and that she would never see him again. When Billy left he was 18 years of age and true to his word, his mother never saw him again.

It now appears that upon leaving Virginia he did not go directly to Texas but to Colorado instead, as will be seen later in this chapter.

The only child of Martha Washington Wigfield and George Alexander Shoemaker of which a record has been found:

i. GEORGE BENJAMIN, b. 28 Dec. 1882_3 and died of tuberculosis in Scott Co., Va., 11 Sept. 1905, unmarried and without issue. An obituary, published shortly after his death, stated that "his only brother having preceded him to the better land" and that he was survived by his parents, and listed his half brothers, including William A. Newberry, "of El Orr, Estado de Mexico, Mexico." From the foregoing, it is evident that George Alexander Shoemaker and Martha Washington Wigfield were the parents of two sons, one of whom may have died in infancy.

Less than four months after the death of her youngest son, Martha Washington Wigfield became a widow for the third time upon the

death of her husband, George Alexander Shoemaker, 7 Jan. 1906.[3] It is not known with certainty how long she remained in Scott Co. following the death of her husband and youngest son, but at some time after those events, she went to live with her eldest Richmond son, Charles Benton, who lived in nearby Church Hill, Tennesee. Sometime after his death in 1917, and before 1920, she joined her son, Robert Elliot Richmond, in Texas, where she resided for the remainder of her life. She died of pneumonia 5 March 1929 in the place of her residence, Spofford, Kinney Co., Texas.[1] She was in her 90th. year and remained strong and alert until the end of her full and active life.

Again quoting Mattie Pearl Richmond Steele, she said of her grandmother:

"I wish I know more about the Wigfield family, but grandmother never told us much about her early life. She did say that when she was at home she had her own private maid who took care of her needs, keeping her clothes and room in order. She told me that she never combed her hair until after she was married.

"She led a very busy social life. She attended many parties and dances and did some riding in the horse shows. I got the idea that she led a life of leisure until she married."

Upon leaving his mother's home in Virginia in 1881, when she insisted upon marrying George Alexander Shoemaker against his wishes, William A. "Billy" Newberry left home and eventually came to Texas to seek his fortune. At that time the ages of his Richmond half brothers were 4, 9 and 11. Some years later, but when they were still in

their teens, he influenced them to come to Texas and to bring with them a carload of Virginia horses. Robert Elliot and Thomas Baker Richmond took his advice and brought with them the requested horses. This venture was profitable and a success.

Very little information has survived relating to Billy Newberry's life after he left Virginia. He is remembered as a man obsessed with the notion that he could make his fortune by seeking gold. It is not known when he left Texas and went to live in Mexico, but as has been previously said, he was living in that country when his half brother died in 1905 and he was still living there when his mother came to live with her son, Robert Elliot Richmond, sometime between 1917 and 1920. At her behest, her son undertook a search and finally succeeded in locating his half brother, and wrote to him in Mexico, stating that their mother wished to see him and that she hoped that he could visit her in Texas, but if that was not possible she would travel to Mexico to visit with him. His response was "I will not come there and for God's sake do not bring mother here!"

There must have existed some powerful and and overwhelming reason for a son to have completely and irrevocably and for all time severed all communication with his mother.

No research has been conducted to determine George Alexander Shoemaker's military record during the War Between the States, and when this has been carried out it may offer an explanation for Billy Newberry's strange attitude toward his mother. Having been born in 1834, and having been a single man, George Alexander Shoemaker, was of prime military age at the beginning of the War.

Did he avoid service in the Confederate army, or worse still, did he serve in the Northern army? In either of these cases it could be assumed that Billy Newberry would regard him as unacceptable as a step-father, since his own father had lost his life while serving the Confederacy.

As has been mentioned previously, Billy Newberry was recorded in the 1870 census of Scott Co., Va., under the name of "William N. Richmond". In the 1880 census of the same county, he is listed as part of his mother's family under the name of "William Richmond". This is strong evidence that he had adopted the family name "Richmond" as his own.

Sam Dawson Richmond, a grandson of Martha Washington Wigfield, has in his possession a photograph of a handsome and well dressed man of about 35 which was found among old family records. On the back of the photograph is pencilled "Richmond" and on the front is the name of the photographer, "Cobb" and the address of the studio as being, "115 Gold Ave., Albuquerque, N. M." Five grandchildren of Martha Washington Wigfield have examined this photograph and state that it is not a photograph of one of her Richmond sons, but they all agree that there is a striking resemblance of their grandmother and of her sons. They all agree that the photograph likely is of the mysterious "Billy" Newberry, who, as previously stated, seems to have adopted "Richmond" as his surname.

Lucille Moffett Scates, a grand niece of Martha Washington Wigfield, found among her collection of family photographs, a studio portrait of a young man whose appearance indicates him to have been about 20 years of age. This portrait was made in the Mayes Studio located at 407 Santa Fe Ave., Pueblo,

Colorado. On the back of the portrait the name "Willie Newberry", is hand written in ink. A careful comparison of this portrait with the one described above leaves little or no doubt that they are of the same man.

William A. "Billy" Newberry [or Richmond] has been lost to his family, perhaps for all time. It seems likely, however, that he became a Mexican, married in Mexico, and may have reared a family in that country.

The children of Charles Benton Richmond[5] [Martha Washington Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3]John J., [2]Thomas[1]] and Annie Lochiel Pierce:

i. **RICHARD ENOCH**, b. 7 Aug. 1910, Sullivan Co., Tenn., mar. Kingsport, Tenn. on 27 May 1948, Iva Bonnalea Renfro, b. 10 March 1915, at Snowflake, Scott Co., Va. She is a daughter of James B. Renfro and Flora Alice Addington of Scott Co., Va.

ii. **FRANKLIN PIERCE**, b. 15 Dec. 1904, mar. Emma Martin, 22 April 1945 at Gulfport, Miss. She was b. 25 Aug. 1907, Selma, Ala., dau. of John Martin and Nettie Allison of Selma, Ala. She d. 10 July 1976 at Cotter, Ark. No issue of this marriage.

iii. **CHARLES SHACKELFORD**, b. 25 June 1907, Scott Co., Va. mar. 1st. Mary Frances Price, 12 Feb. 1932, (no issue) and 2nd. Oleta Marie Christian, 3 July 1940, at Spartansburg, S. C. She was b. 13 April 1918, Hawkins Co., Tenn., the dau. of Lewis Christian and Sallie Rose Horton. He died 1 July 1985 at Church Hill, Tenn. and is buried there in the Liberty Hill Cemetery.

iv. **THOMAS HENRY**, b. 16 July 1912, mar. 9 March 1940, Cecile Cox, died in an airplane crash at Church Hill, Tenn., 8 June 1947. No issue of this marriage.

v. **MARY W.,** b. 23 Nov. 1902, d. 7 Aug. 1903.

vi. **GEORGE ALEXANDRIA,** b. 28 Oct. 1906, d. 19 Oct. 1918.

vii. **J. W.,** b. 1 Nov. 1908, d. 16 July 1912.

The only child of Richard Enoch Richmond[6] [Charles Benton Richmond,[5] Martha Washington Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas [1]] and Iva Bonnalea Renfro:

i. **VALDA FLOBURTA,** b. 17 Jan. 1949, Kingsport, Tenn., mar. 18 March 1972, at Kingsport, Jackson Paul Lady, Jr., son of Jackson Paul Lady and Edna Rogers.

The only child of Valda Floburta Richmond[7] [Richard Enoch Richmond,[6] Charles Benton Richmond,[5] Martha Washington Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Jackson Paul Lady, Jr.:

i. **EMILY NICOLE,** b. 11 Aug. 1980.

The only child of Charles Shackelford Richmond [6][Charles Benton Richmond,[5]Martha W. Wigfield,[4]Thomas S.,[3]John J.,[2]Thomas [1]] and Oleta Marie Christian:

i. **HARRY EVERETT,** b. 29 Jan. 1942, at Church Hill, Tenn., mar. 27 Dec., 1968, at Gate City, Va., Donna Marie Minton, b. 17 April 1951, Sullivan Co., Tenn., dau. of Robert Minton and Rose Wallen.

The children of Harry Everett Richmond [7][Charles Shackelford Richmond,[6]Charles Benton Richmond,[5]Martha Washington Wigfield,[4]Thomas S.,[3]John J.,[2]Thomas [1]] and

Donna Marie Minton:

i. REBECCA RUTH, b. 9 July 1970, Kingsport, Sullivan Co., Tenn.

ii. HARRY EVERETT, II, b. 19 July 1980, Kingsport, Sullivan Co., Tenn.

The children of Robert Elliot Richmond,[5] [Martha Washington Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas [1]] and Jennie Lee Womach:

i. MATTIE PEARL, b. 11 Feb. 1897, Childress, Texas, mar. 2 Feb. 1921, at South Bend, Ind., Charles Oliver Steele, son of James M. Steele and Adelia Dale.

ii. LAURA MAY, b. 1 May 1904 at Quanah, Hardeman Co. Texas, mar. 19 Feb., 1922, at Spofford, Kinney Co., Texas, James Haynie Gowens, son of James Freelove Gowens and Annie Dobbin.

iii. SAM DAWSON "DOSS", b. 11 March 1910 at Quanah, Hardeman Co., Texas, mar. 30 March 1938, at Kerrville, Kerr Co., Texas, Koreski May Mathews, dau. of Talmadge Mathews and Bertie B. Brown.

iv. ROBERT ELLIOT, JR. b. 20 May 1913 at Quanah, Hardeman Co., Texas, mar. 7 July 1935, at Spofford, Kinney Co., Texas, Mary Louise Anderson, dau. of C. B. Andersona and Rossie Lee Adams.

Sam Dawson Richmond was the subject of an article which appeared in a Masonic publication, and, in this article there is much of interest to those who would wish to acquire an insight into the life lived by those hardy pioneers who settled in Texas long before the turn of the century. The article was written by Deed L. Vest, Past

Master and Fellow of Texas Lodge of Research and is titled "Sam D. Richmond, Worshipful Master, 1981-1982." It is quoted in full:

"A few years ago Sam Richmond and I travelled together from San Antonio to Midland for a meeting of the Texas Lodge of Research. We planned to stop at Junction for lunch but got so engrossed in our talk that we drove right through the town and had to settle for empty stomachs.

"Sam, normally rather reticent and always modest, is quite a talker when he gets a chance. On several such trips we have entertained one another with conversations on Masonic philosophy, Texas Masonic history, experiences growing up, and tales about our families.

"Some of Sam's favorite memories are the times he listened to his mother describe a trip by covered mule-drawn wagon she and her teen-age brothers and sisters, unaccompanied by an adult, made from deep in Arkansas to Hardeman County in Texas. Their parents, intending to follow as quickly as they could finish some business, had sent them on ahead to the newly established village of Tennessee Valley [no longer in existance], headquarters of the 140,000 acre OX Ranch. Their parents intended to set up a grocery at their new location.

"Sam remembers that if the youngsters ran into trouble along the way they could always depend on trail-herding cowboys or wandering Indians to give them help.

"Once as they crossed the Indian Territory they almost lost their mules, irreplaceable animals in that dry-land region. The loss would not have been to the

Indians. Instead, the mules would have been taken by the notorious Belle Star and her band of outlaws.

"On the advice of a traveller they met on the trail, the children had camped for the night on the north side of the Canadian River near an old cabin normally occupied by Belle Star and her band. At the time, Belle and her outlaws were 'on the dodge' and it seemed unlikely that they would ever return. The youngsters had barely finished their supper and bedded down when Belle and her desperados rode up to the cabin.

"The outlaws were not much perturbed by the teen-agers, for they were certainly no threat; but when they discovered the mules grazing at the end of the ropes, their cupidity was aroused. Within the children's hearing, they discussed the prices the mules could bring and decided to take them and leave the rightful owners on the 'lonesome prairie.' Belle Star when she was apprised of the plan, would have nothing to do with it. She denounced the outlaws, screaming at them: 'We already have enough trouble. If you take those mules and leave those babies on foot on these plains miles and miles from the nearest settlement, every cowboy, Mexican, and Indian will be against us, and we will hang at the end of a rope!'

"Sure enough, sometime before dawn, Belle Star and her gang rode away, leaving the mules behind. In due time, the youngsters reached Tennessee Valley and were soon joined by their parents. A few years later they moved to Quanah, the county seat.

"Sam's father, Robert E. Richmond, migrated from Virginia to Texas in 1888, and at the ripe old age of sixteen went to work

as a cowboy on the OX Ranch. The next year he helped trail 5600 cattle in two drives from the OX Ranch to the Osage Indian Reservation in Oklahoma Territory. A few years later, Sam's father was trail boss on the last cattle drive made from the OX Ranch, pushing the herd to the Fort Sill area in Oklahoma when the state was still Indian country and Chief Geronimo, the last of the fierce Apache warriors, was a prisoner at the fort. Shortly, January 1, 1896, Bob Richmond married Jennie Lee Womach who told the Belle Star story to their son, Sam. They made their home in Quanah.

"With such a background, it is not surprising that Sam Dawson Richmond grew up to be a notable outdoor buff. Sam is convinced that you never get to know a country by riding a plane, a train, or an automobile. He believes you've got to get into it on foot, sleep on it, and even eat some of it broiled over a campfire built of mesquite brush and dry cow chips to really know it.

"All his life, Sam has followed nature's lure. With Koreski, his wife, or with his sons Delbert Lawrence and Marvin Elliot, or nowadays his grandson William Lawrence, he has back-packed Glacier National Park, Big Bend National Park, and the Guadalupe Mountains National Park even before the last two were given the designation 'national'. In the Guadalupe Mountains he has prowled the flanks of El Capitan and Guadalupe Peak and ventured into the forests of the chasms and canyons behind them. Sam is also well acquainted with the nooks and crannies of the Pecos, Devils, and Rio Grande rivers from Langtry to west to Presidio. He has tramped along the Texas Gulf Coast and observed sea birds on many of its beaches and islands. He

has a genuine pride in the state's natural wonders and is quick to point out that Texas supports a greater diversity of plant, fowl, and animal life than any other state.

"Sam Dawson Richmond was born in Quanah in 1910, and was named for the two owners of the OX Ranch. He was blessed with two sisters, Mattie Pearl and Laura May, and one brother, Robert E., Jr.

"As his family grew, Sam's father gave up punching cattle. He farmed for awhile and ran a few head of cattle, but when the newly formed Texas Livestock Sanitary Commission offered him employment he accepted a job in the Texas Fever Tick Eradication Program. In his new work, Bob Richmond travelled all over the state and moved his family frequently. Sam, therefore, began school in San Antonio in 1916 but was living in Spofford, Texas, when he was graduated from high school in 1928. Graduation completed his formal education.

"For some years after graduation, Sam worked at all sorts of jobs, including stints on a railroad, the Civilian Conservation Corps, and a contractor in road construction for the Texas State Highway Department. It was while he was with the CCC that he undertook the task of educating himself through correspondence courses in surveying, engineering, and accounting. When he deemed himself well enough qualified he went to work for the Fresno Minerals Co., near Terlingua in the Big Bend.

"Even while he was trying to further his education, Sam met, courted and married Koreski Mathews in Kerrville in 1935. Through the years, Koreski has supported him in his work, studies, and his love for the

outdoors.

"When World War II began, Sam was still working for the Fresno Minerals Co. Mercury was a strategic mineral and workers in the industry were exempted from military service. When hostilities were ended, however, quicksilver from impoverished countries, mainly Spain, was dumped into world markets and created such an oversupply in the United States that it was no longer practical to operate Texas mines and they were closed. But Sam and Koreski had formed a strong attachment for the Big Bend country and they have returned to it many times on backpacking trips.

"From Terlingua, the Richmonds moved to Austin where Sam went to work for a contractor constructing the Del Valle Air Force Base, which later became Bergstrom Field. He thereafter worked for various highway construction companies and a firm of certified public accountants until 1967 when he became secretary-treasurer of KO Steel Foundry with which he stayed until his retirement in 1976.

"Sam and Koreski are members of the Oak Hills Church of Christ, and for a number of years he served that church as deacon. Until his retirement Sam was a member of the Founder Lions Club of San Antonio and was also active in the National Association of Accountants. Sam and Koreski are also longtime members of the San Antonio Sierra Club in which Sam is a trip leader and organizer. Very dear to Sam and Koreski, however, is their long association with the San Antonio Audubon Society of which Sam is past-president.

"Masonically, Sam was Raised a Master Mason in Anchor Lodge No. 424 of San Antonio

in 1949 and served as its Worshipful Master in 1958. He is a member of San Antonio Chapter No. 381, R.A.M.; San Antonio Council No. 14, R. & S. M. [thrice Illustrious Master in 1958]; San Antonio Commandery No. 7, K. T.; San Antonio Scottish Rite Bodies [library committee]; Alzafar Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S.; Texas Lodge of Research; and the Southwest Chapter of the Philalethes Society. Grand Master Robert B. O'Connor [also Past Master of Anchor Lodge] named Sam Deputy Grand Master in 1975.

"A dedicated Mason, Sam is an ardent worker in the quarries, an earnest student of the fraternity's philosophy and history, dedicated to the ideal of peace and harmony among the brethern.

"When asked what he would most wish for the future of Texas Lodge of Research, Sam Dawson Richmond replied: `I can wish nothing better than that the lodge should continue to attract as members qualified researchers to record Texas Masonic history and its principles.'"

The only child of Mattie Pearl Richmond[6] [Robert Elliot Richmond,[5] Martha Washington Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and her husband, Charles Oliver Steele:

i. **VIRGINIA ELOISE,** b. 21 Dec. 1921, Bay City, Mich., mar. San Antonio, Tex., 18 April 1946, James Frank Stonestreet, Jr., b. 18 March 1918 at Akron, Ohio, son of James Frank Stonestreet and Maude Petree.

The children of Virginia Eloise Steele[7] [Mattie Pearl Richmond Steele,[6] Robert Elliot Richmond,[5] Martha Washington Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and James Frank Stonestreet, Jr.:

i. LINDA CAROL, b. 2 May 1947 Mocksville, N. C., mar. at Austin Texas, on 5 Jan. 1968, Alan Hill, son of Cecil and Earnestine Hill.

ii. BARBARA JEAN, b. 15 Sept. 1949 at Mocksville, N. C., mar. at Huntsville, Texas, on 1 April 1981, Charles David Buck, b. 20 Jan. 1940, son of Charles W. Buck and Velma Kelley. No Children.

iii. JAMES FRANK, III, b. 13 May 1951, at San Antonio, Texas, mar. at San Antonio, Texas, 5 Jan. 1980, Beverly Brading, dau. of Charles Brading.

Only child of James Frank Stonestreet, III[8] [Virginia Eloise Steele,[7] Mattie Pearl Richmond Steele,[6] Robert Elliot Richmond,[5] Martha Washington Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Beverly Brading:

i. JAMES FRANK STONESTREET, IV, b. 15 May 1983, Kingman, Az.

The children of Sam Dawson Richmond,[6] [Robert Elliot Richmond,[5] Martha Washington Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Koreski May Mathews, his wife:

i. DELBERT LAWRENCE, (adopted) b. 6 Oct. 1935 at Alvord, Texas, mar. 2 Jan. 1958, San Antonio, Texas, Barbara Jo Davis, dau. of Walter Davis and Mae Crow.

ii. MARVIN ELLIOT, b. 6 Sept. 1942, San Antonio, Texas, mar., Bellaire, Texas, 27 Jan. 1967, Kathleen McDaniel, dau. of Weldon McDaniel and Shirley Merrit.

The only child of Delbert Lawrence Richmond[7] [Sam Dawson Richmond,[6] Robert Elliot Richmond,[5] Martha Washington Wigfield,[4] Thomas

S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Barbara Jo Davis:

i. **WILLIAM LAWRENCE,** b. 27 Aug. 1958, San Antonio, Texas. Unmarried.

The children of Marvin Elliot Richmond[7] (same ancestry as Delbert Lawrence, as above) and Kathleen McDaniel:

i. **JENNIFER ANN,** b. 7 Jan. 1971 at Bridge City, Texas.

ii. **ELEANOR MICHELLE,** b. 15 May 1978 at Bridge City, Texas.

The children of Robert Elliot Richmond, Jr.[6] [Robert Elliot Richmond,[5] Martha Washington Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas [1]] and Mary Louise Anderson:

i. **JENNY LEE,** b. 4 Sept. 1939 at Pasadena, Texas, mar. 22 March 1959 at Corpus Christi, Texas, Roxy Bryan Morris, b. 23 Sept. 1939 at Corpus Christi, Texas, son of B. W. Morris and Beulah Eastwood. She died 14 Aug. 1984 at San Antonio, Texas.

ii. **MARY LOU,** b. 24 Nov. 1945 Pasadena, Texas, mar. 1st. Thomas Henry Knight, 14 Nov. 1964 and she mar. 2nd., Richard D. Hisle, 30 May 1980 at Ingleside, Texas. He was born 13 May 1953.

The children of Jenny Lee Richmond[7] [Robert Elliot Richmond, Jr.,[6] Robert Elliot Richmond,[5] Martha Washington Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Roxy Bryan Morris:

i. **ROBERT BRYAN,** b. 25 Dec. 1959 at Sinton, Texas. Unmarried.

ii. **RANDAL BLAKE,** b. 6 Feb.

1961 at Sinton, Texas, mar. 12 Sept. 1981 at Somerset, Texas, Melissa Shaw.

iii. RHONDA LOUISE, b. 13 May 1963 at Alice, Texas.

iv. ROXANNE LEE, b. 19 Oct. 1967 at San Antonio, Texas. Unmarried.

Child of Randal Blake Morris[8] [Jenny Lee Richmond Morris,[7] Robert Elliot Richmond, Jr.,[6] Robert Elliot Richmond,[5] Martha Washington Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Melissa Shaw:

i. JENNIFER NICOLE, b. 7 Jan. 1982, San Antonio, Texas.

Child of Mary Lou Richmond[7] [Robert Elliot Richmond, Jr.,[6] Robert Elliot Richmond,[5] Martha Washington Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Thomas Henry Knight:

i. STEVEN THOMAS b. 17 Jan. 1969 at Aransas Pass, Texas.

The only child of Thomas Baker Richmond[5] [Martha Washington Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Ida Womach, dau. of Andrew Jackson Womach and Liza Jane Jones:

i. THOMAS BENTON, b. ca. 1900, mar. ca. 1926, a woman whose given name was "Jewel", her surname not being known to any member of the family. He is deceased and left no issue.

Mary Fannie and Mattie Tyson Rector, sisters, daughters of Lorena May Wigfield Rector, (a niece of Martha Washington Wigfield) have in their possession a letter to their mother from her aunt. The letter is

quoted in its entirety:

"Spofford, Texas
Sept. 14 1927

"Dear Rena:

"You cannot conceive how awkward I feel to try to introduce myself to my niece, whom I love devotedly, without knowing that you are in the land of the living.

"I have made repeated efforts to get you located, but I never could remember who you married, a Mr. Rector or a Mr. Moffett.

"However, it comes to my mind that it was a Mr. Rector. Hope that it will soon be decided. Now please write me at your earliest opportunity and give me the information I so much desire. I have tried to get Tommy (likely her nephew, Thomas Turner Wigfield, a son of her brother, James Arthur Wigfield) but failed; where is he, tell me please.

"I am still grieving over dear Sister Annie's death. My father's family are nearly all gone. Hope to see a long letter from you soon.

"Lovingly your devoted, Aunt Mat Shoemaker. (Martha Washington Wigfield)

"Spofford, Kinney Co., Tex."

This letter, written when she was 88 years of age, seems to express loneliness and a need to reestablish family ties. The "Annie" mentioned in her letter was Ann Charlotte Wigfield Shackleford who died 21 Oct. 1924. Only her sister, Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield Nelson, remained alive.

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1. Inscription on her gravestone in Vincent Family Cemetery, Spofford, Kenney Co., Texas.

2. He was age 8 per the 1850, and age 28 per the 1870 census records of Scott Co., Va.

3. Birth and death dates from gravestone inscriptions in Shoemaker Family Cemetery, near Gate City, Scott Co., Va.

"As the smallest wave must go on till it crosses the Ocean, so influence of every ancestor must go on to the end of the generation of life. Each of us must feel in a degree the strength or weakness of each one of them." David Starr Jordan (1851-1931)

James Arthur Wigfield (1841-1914)

J A M E S A R T H U R W I G F I E L D

CHAPTER VI

JAMES ARTHUR WIGFIELD[4] [Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] was born in Fauquier Co., Va., 6 Aug. 1841, the year William Henry Harrison died, only one month after his inauguration as President. He was succeeded by the Vice President, John Tyler, a Whig. Also, it was the year that Charles Dickens published "The Old Curiosity Shop" and "Barnaby Rudge." James was the third child, and the second son, of Thomas Smith Wigfield and Ann Nelson.

On 15 June 1861, James Arthur Wigfield, then 19 years of age, enlisted for the duration of the war, in the Seventh Regiment of Virginia Cavalry at Harpers Ferry, Va., [now W. Va.] his recruiting officer having been Capt. Robert S. Ashby.[1] His military record described him as being 5' 8" in height, with light complexion, dark hair and dark eyes. Less than a year later, on 1 May 1862, his younger brother, William Henry "Billy" Wigfield, not yet 18 years of age, enlisted in the same regiment and thereafter they served together as privates in Company "A" of that Regiment.

The Seventh Regiment was commanded by Col. R. H. Dulaney, and was one of the regiments comprising the famous "Rosser Brigade", commanded by Brig.-Gen. Thomas L. Rosser. This brigade, together with two others, made up "Lee's Division" which was the command of Maj.-Gen. Fitzhugh Lee.[2]

James Arthur Wigfield served with his regiment through all of its campaigns until 2 Feb. 1864, when he was captured by a Federal patrol which then was ranging through Fauquier Co., searching for Col. John Singleton Mosby and his Rangers.

The circumstances surrounding his capture are stated in a letter dated 9 May 1932 from John Barton Payne, then President of the American Red Cross addresses to one of James Arthur Wigfield's grand nieces, Phyllis Shackelford Moore Gallagher, who later became Mrs. Frank Dorn. The letter is quoted in full;

"My dear Mrs. Gallagher:

"I am very sorry, indeed, that I cannot enlighten you as to your inquiry.

"The two families, Wigfield and our own, were very intimate friends. The two sons and my brothers were in the same company, Company "A", the Seventh Virginia Cavalry. One of the brothers, James, was captured in our house at Orleans with my Uncle, Hugh Golda Smith, another member of the Company. The house was surrounded so quickly they could not escape and were concealed inside until the house had been searched for the third time. Whether there is a relationship, however, I do not know.

"My sister Mary is alive at eighty seven, living with her daughter at 122 Fifth Street, N. E. I will see her quite soon and ascertain if she has any knowledge regarding this matter.

"My sister Jacque, to whom you refer, has been dead some years.

"It is a pleasure to have a line from you.

Cordially yours,
John Barton Payne"

Following his capture, he was sent to the Old Capitol Prison, Washington, D. C., where the records show that he was admitted as a prisoner of war, 19 Feb. 1864. At the time of his admission he was suffering from pneumonia and was placed in the hospital.[1] The Old Capitol Prison was located on Capitol Hill and is now the site of the U. S. Supreme Court Building.

On 5 March 1864 he was transferred from the prison hospital to the main prison and was held there until 13 June when he was sent to Fort Delaware Prison, arriving there 17 June 1864. He remained at Fort Delaware Prison until 21 June 1865 on which date he was released after signing an Oath of Allegiance to the United States. Finally, when he reached his home in Fauquier Co., Va., he was so emaciated that his mother did not recognize him.

On 12 Feb. 1866, he married Emma J. Grant, daughter of Capt. Turner Grant, C. S. A., and Mary Nelson. She was born in Fauquier Co., Va., in 1848.

He died in Alexandria, Va., 25 July 1914. His wife had predeceased him, she having died 27 June 1901, also in Alexandria. Both are buried there in the Bethel Cemetery. He was a carpenter.

The children of James Arthur Wigfield[4] [Thomas Smith,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Emma J. Grant:

i. LORENA MAY, b. 24 Nov., 1868 Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 29 Jan. 1891, at the home of Joe Nelson, Calverton, Va., James Edward Rector, b. 14 May 1867, son of Charles H. Rector and Julia Payne. They were married by Rev. W. E. Miller at Joe Nelson's home at Calverton, Va. She died 28 Jan. 1932 and he 26 Aug. 1953 and both are buried in Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va. He was a farmer and an avid fox hunter.

ii. BLANCHE, (listed as "Annie" in 1880 Census, Fauquier Co., Va.) b. 1869, Fauquier Co. She died 5 July 1897, at Alexandria, Va. and is buried in Bethel Cemetery in that city. She was unmarried.

iii. THOMAS TURNER, b. 6 Dec. 1870, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. Daisy Bennett Dalton, b. 23 Sept., 1876, dau. of Decatur and Catherine Dalton. He died 27 June 1938 and she 17 July 1954, and both are buried in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Alexandria, Va.

iv. MADORAH, b. 1874 (age 6 per 1880 census Fauquier Co.) She died young and is buried in Bethel Cemetery, Alexandria, Va.

v. MARY, b. 1877 (age 3 per 1880 census Fauquier Co., Va.) She died at age 15 in Alexandria, Va. and is buried there in Bethel Cemetery.

The children of Lorena May Wigfield[5] [James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and James Edward Rector:

i. RUSSELL EDWARD, b. 19 Feb. 1892, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 12 Feb., 1923, at Baltimore, Md., Irene Beulah Shirley, b. 2 Sept. 1892, Fauquier Co., Va., dau. of James W. Shirley and Jeanette Adele Brodie. Russell Edward Rector died 22 July 1967 at

Chantilly, Va. She died 21 Dec. 1984 at Chantilly, Va., and is buried in Warrenton, Cemetery, Warrenton, Va.

ii. **JAMES SHIRLEY,** b. 27 June 1895, Fauquier Co., Va. and died 27 Aug. 1982 at Culpeper, Va., where he is buried. He mar. 12 July 1936, Fauquier Co., Va., Alice Vivian Wilson, b. 23 Sept., 1913, Chouteau, Co., Montana. She was a dau. of Christopher Wilson and Vivian Clara Roberts. He was a farmer.

iii. **MELVILLE MENEFEE,** b. 20 Nov. 1898, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 2 June 1926, at Washington, D. C., Vera Gladys Rector, b. 19 Nov. 1906 Fauquier Co., Va., dau. of Calvin Rector and Fannie Saffell. He was a carpenter before retirement.

iv. **CHARLES FRANKLIN,** b. 5 Oct. 1900, Fauquier Co., Va. mar. 8 June 1927, at Washington, D. C., Thelma Noreen White, dau. of William Thomas White and Alice Bell Bunting. He died 6 Dec. 1976 at Newport News, Va. No issue of this marriage.

v. **MARY FANNIE,** b. 12 Aug. 1903, Fauquier Co., Va., resides in Warrenton, Va. Never married.

vi. **ROBERTA M.,** b. 9 Feb. 1905, Fauquier Co., Va. and died 31 Jan. 1911, Fauquier Co., Va.

vii. **MATTIE TYSON,** b. 3 June 1910, Fauquier Co., Va., resides in Warrenton, Va. She was named for her great aunt, Martha (Mattie) Washington Wigfield, the elder sister of her grandfather, James Arthur Wigfield. Never married.

The children of Russell Edward

Rector[6] [Lorena May Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Irene Beulah Shirley:

i. **SHIRLEY MAY,** b. 31 Dec. 1923, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 10 April 1943, at Sumter, S. C., James Byrne Cross, b. 2 Sept. 1924, son of Cecil Bernard Cross and Ruth Byrne.

ii. **JAMES WOODFORD,** b. 1 Oct. 1925, Fairfax Co., Va., mar. 3 June 1949, Nina Smith, dau. of Everett H. Smith and Bertha Beverly Kidwell.

iii. **ETHEL LORRAINE,** b. 11 May 1927, Fairfax Co. Va., mar. 31 March 1946, Ray Milton Cornett, son of Stephen Cornett and Donna Wright. He died 27 March 1971 at Springfield, Va. and she died 1 March 1974, at W. Columbia, S. C.

iv. **RUSSELL EDWARD, JR.,** b. 9 Sept. 1929 Fairfax Co., Va., mar. 25 Sept. 1953, Anna Marie Kerns, dau. of Alvin Bell Kerns and Anna Barnes King.

v. **WILLIAM DENEAL,** b. in 1937 and died in 1946, the birth and death having been in Fairfax Co., Va.

The children of Shirley May Rector[7] [Russell Edward Rector,[6] Lorena May Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and James Byrne Cross:

i. **JAMES BEVERLEY,** b. 2 Nov. 1945, Fairfax Co., Va., mar. Edna Rose Graninger, b. 13 Oct. 1946, Fairfax Co., dau. of Charles Graninger and Betty Allison. He is a commercial building contractor.

ii. **SHIRLEY LORRAINE,** b. 7 Dec.

1949, Washington, D. C., mar. 28 Dec. 1973, Fairfax Co., Va., James Hunter, b. 5 Aug. 1949 at Ft. Knox, Ky., son of Brigadier General Albert Edward Hunter and Nancy Stookey. She graduated with a BA degree from the Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia and with a MA degree from the Johns Hopkins University. Also, she earned a JD degree from the University of Virginia Law School. She was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

iii. CECIL BERNARD, b. 2 Dec., 1952, Washington, D. C., mar. 19 July 1980 at Broadway, Va., Nancy Hotchkiss, dau. of Dr. William Hotchkiss and Thelma Elizabeth Conner. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond, having earned BS and MS degrees from that institution. Also, he earned an MD degreee from the Medical College of Virginia. He is Resident Surgeon at the Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pa.

iv. RUSSELL RECTOR, b. 15 Nov. 1957, Washington, D. C., mar. 17 Oct. 1981, at Manassas, Va., Candy Maxine Barker, b, 4 Nov. 1959, Flint, Mich., daughter of Max-William Banner and Jeannine Kay Hunter. He is a construction superintendent.

The children of James Beverly Cross[8] [Shirley May Rector,[7] Russell Edward Rector,[6] Lorena May Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Edna Rose Graninger:

i. BEVERLEY ANN, b. 21 Feb. 1968, Fairfax, Co., Va.

ii. AMY IRENE, b. 11 July 1972, Fairfax Co., Va.

iii. ALLISON SHIRLEY, b. 1 Dec.

1973, Fairfax Co., Va.

Children of Shirley Lorraine Cross[8] [same ancestry as James Beverly Cross] and James Hunter:

i. **NANCY McDONOUGH,** b. 28 June 1984, Alexandria, Va.

ii. **JAMES JUDD,** [twin of Nancy]

Children of Cecil Bernard Cross, M.D.,[8] (same ancestry as James Beverly Cross) and Nancy Hotchkiss:

i. **JENNIFER SUSAN,** b. 11 Nov. 1983 at Fargo, N. D.

ii. **JAMES BYRNE, II,** b. 18 June 1985 at Danville, Pa.

Child of Russell Rector Cross,[8] [same ancestry as James Beverly Cross] and Candy Maxine Barker:

i. **KATHERINE SHIRLEY,** b. 4 Sept., 1982, Fairfax Co., Va.

The only child of James Woodford Rector[7] [Russell Edward Rector,[6] Lorena May Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas [1]] and Nina Smith:

i. **WILLIAM DeNEAL,** b. 15 Aug. 1954. Unmarried.

The children of Ethel Lorraine Rector[7] [Russell Edward Rector,[6] Lorena May Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Ray Milton Cornett:

i. **CONSTANCE IRENE,** b. 28 Dec. 1956, Washington, D. C. Unmarried.

ii. CYNTHIA ANN, b. 6 Dec. 1962, Washington, D. C., mar. 1984, James Stanley Dicker.

iii. RAY MILTON, Jr., b. 31 Dec. 1966, Washington, D. C. Unmarried.

The children of Russell Edward Rector, Jr.[7] [Russell Edward Rector,[6] Lorena May Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Anna-Marie Kerns:

i. ANNA KING, b. 31 July 1956, Loudon Co., Va., mar. Richard Allen Scarborough 26 June 1980.

ii. TERESA MARIE, b. 7 Aug. 1958, Loudon Co., Va., mar. 21 May 1983, Patrick Francis Dobson.

III. LINDA LEE, b. 6 March 1961, Washington, D. C., mar. 28 Feb. 1981, David Leslie Williamson.

The children of Anna King Rector[8] [Russell Edward Rector, Jr.,[7] Russell Edward Rector,[6] Lorena May Wigfield,[5] James Arthur Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Richard Allen Scarborough:

i. ANGELA MARIE, b. 8 Sept. 1981.

ii. JASON ALLEN, b. 7 Feb. 1983

The children of James Shirley Rector[6] [Lorena May Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Alice Vivian Wilson:

i. ALICE VIVIAN, b. 1 Jan. 1943, Remington, Va., mar. 31 Aug. 1963,

Culpeper Co., Va., Stanley Stuart Thurber, b. b. 3 Sept., 1941, Overbrook, Kansas, son of Stuart W. Thurber and Sylvia Shuler. He is a petroleum engineer and Senior Adviser to the Ministry of Petroleum, Sultanate of Oman. There are no children.

ii. **JAMES WILSON,** b. 7 July 1945, Remington, Va., mar. 19 June 1965, Culpeper Co., Va., Rebecca Raye Coyner, b. 3 Feb. 1947, Waynesboro, Va., dau. of Haskell D. Coyner and Sarah Frances Hartman. He is Director, Field Engineering, Rappahannock Elec. Coop.

The children of James Wilson Rector[7] [James Shirley Rector,[6] Lorena May Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Rebecca Raye Coyner:

i. **AMY ELIZABETH,** b. 20 July 1974 at Culpeper Co., Va.

ii. **JAMES CHRISTOPHER,** b. 28 Oct. 1975 at Culpeper Co., Va.

iii. **ERIN REBECCA,** b. 15 Dec. 1978 at Culpeper Co., Va.

The children of Melville Menefee Rector[6] [Lorena May Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Vera Gladys Rector:

i. **GLADYS MARIE,** b. 1 July 1928 and d. 3 July 1928, Fauquier Co., Va.

ii. **ELMER MENEFEE,** b. 23 April 1931, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 21 March 1951 at Washington, D. C,, Phronsie Ashby, b. 27 Jan. 1933 at Conde, Fauquier Co., Va., dau. of John Butler Ashby and Mary Lee Weadon. He died 19 Feb. 1978 in Fauquier Co., Va., There

were no children.

iii. **EUGENE SAFFELL,** b. 26 Sept. 1943, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 6 Dec. 1971 at Washington, D. C., Marlene Lee Montgomery, b. 31 Oct. 1952 at Warrenton, Va., dau. of Raymond Nicholas Montgomery and Ora Virginia Erlewine.

The only child of Eugene Saffell Rector[7] [Melville Menefee Rector,[6] Lorena May Wigfield,[5] James Arthur Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Marlene Lee Montgomery:

i. **MICHAEL EUGENE,** b. 1 Aug. 1972, Fairfax Co., Va.

The children of Thomas Turner Wigfield[5] [James Arthur Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Daisy Bennett Dalton:

i. **MAUDE EDNA,** b. 20 March 1904, Alexandria, Va., mar. 2 Oct. 1929 at Alexandria, Va., Howard Franklin Montgomery, son of John Franklin Montgomery. He was b. 29 Dec. 1897 in New York City and died 2 March 1984, Richmond, Va. There was no issue.

ii. **JAMES ARTHUR, Jr.,** b. 9 Feb. 1906, Alexandria, Va., mar. 31 Dec. 1927, Alexandria, Va., Agnes Willie Carr, b. 29 May 1906, Alexandria, Va., dau. of William Franklin Carr and Agnes Procter Robinson. He died 28 April 1960 and is buried in Ivy Hill Cemetery, Alexandria, Va. He was the only descendant of his grandfather, James Arthur Wigfield, to have changed his name to "Wingfield."

iii. **EMMA VIRGINIA,** b. 14 Sept. 1909, Alexandria, Va., mar. 2 Sept. 1926,

James Anthony Bayliss. He died in 1951.

iv. **MAURICE IRVING,** b. 7 Sept. 1911, Alexandria, Va. and died in the same city, 16 May 1947, where he is buried in the Ivy Hill Cemetery. He was never married.

v. **LILLIAN ELIZABETH,** b. 29 July 1915, Alexandria, Va. and died in the same city 22 March 1937, where she is buried in Ivy Hill Cemetery.

The children of James Arthur Wingfield,[6] (name changed from James Arthur Wigfield, Jr.) [Thomas Turner Wigfield,[5] James Arthur Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas,[1]] and Agnes Willie Carr:

i. **AGNES VIRGINIA,** b. 28 May 1930, Alexandria, Va., mar. 11 June 1949, Alexandria, Va., Calvin James Walker, b. 8 Sept. 1928, son of George Floyd Walker and Maggie Alberta Morris. He died 18 Feb. 1985.

ii. **MARGARET ANN,** b. 1 Nov. 1940, Alexandria, Va., mar. 10 Aug. 1963, Jesse Albert Lewis, b. 11 Sept. 1940, Lumberton, N. C., son of Jesse Albert Lewis and Dora Eugene Martin.

The children of Agnes Virginia Wingfield[7] [James Arthur Wingfield,[6] Thomas Turner Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Calvin J. Walker:

i. **JAMES WINGFIELD,** b. 15 April 1948, Alexandria, Va., mar. 2 April 1977 at Long Green, Md., Mary Patricia Holland, b. 12 Dec. 1954, Baltimore, Md., dau. of Winfield William Holland and Rita Louise Streett. He was adopted.

ii. **THOMAS CALVIN,** b. 3 April

1950, Alexandria, Va., mar. 8 June 1970, Seaford, Del., Anna Margaret Turner, b. 23 April 1950, San Francisco, Ca., dau. of George Turner and Margaret C. Yealkall.

iii. **DEBORAH SUE,** b. 30 Sept. 1954, mar. 11 May 1974, Michael Mullen, b. 11 Feb. 1950, Trenton, N. J.

iv. **CYNTHIA LYNN,** b. 19 July 1958, Baltimore, Md., mar. 2 Aug. 1978, Pasadena, Md., Lane Robert Hubbard, b. 7 June 1956.

v. **PAMELA LEE,** b. 9 May 1960, Baltimore, Md., mar. 20 Oct. 1979, at Glen Burnie, Md., Kenneth Adrian Lebo, b. 26 July 1960, Annapolis, Md., son of Kenneth Leslie Lebo and Nancy Bragg. No issue.

The children of James Wingfield Walker[8] [Agnes Virginia Wingfield,[7] James Arthur Wingfield,[6] Thomas Turner Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Mary Patricia Holland:

i. **JAMES WINGFIELD, Jr.,** b. 13 May 1982 at Baltimore, Md.

ii. **MATTHEW ADAM,** b. 8 Feb. 1984 at Baltimore, Md.

The children of Thomas Calvin Walker[8] [Agnes Virginia Wingfield,[7] James Arthur Wingfield,[6] Thomas Turner Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Anna Margaret Turner:

i. **MARGARET WILLS TURNER,** b. 3 Jan. 1972 in Delaware. She is adopted.

ii. **KATE BLACKWELL TURNER,** b. 10 Nov. 1974, Baltimore, Md.

The children of Deborah Sue Walker[8] [Agnes Virginia Wingfield,[7] James Arthur Wingfield,[6] Thomas Turner Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Michael Mullen:

i. **JAMES MICHAEL,** b. 26 Nov. 1974, Baltimore, Md.

ii. **DEBORAH MICHELLE,** b. 28 Feb. 1980, Baltimore, Md.

The children of Cynthia Lynn Walker[8] [Agnes Virginia Wingfield,[7] James Arthur Wingfield,[6] Thomas Turner Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Lane Robert Hubbard:

i. **STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER,** b. 7 Oct. 1981, Anne Arundel Co., Md.

ii. **BENJAMIN ROBERT,** b. 10 April 1984, Anne Arundel Co., Md.

The children of Margaret Ann Wingfield[7] [James Arthur Wingfield,[6] Thomas Turner Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Jesse Albert Lewis:

i. **KENNETH,** b. 13 Nov. 1963.

ii. **MICHAEL DEAN,** b. 13 April 1966.

The only child of Emma Virginia Wigfield[6] [Thomas Turner Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and James Anthony Bayliss:

i. **JAMES ANTHONY, Jr.** b. 22 Nov. 1932, Alexandria, Va., mar. 15 April 1954 Genevieve McGee, b. 26 Jan. 1932, Romney, W. Va., dau. of Robert Jackson McGee

and Hazel Ester Blackburn. He is employed as a consultant and she as a sales auditor.

The only child of James Anthony Bayliss, Jr.[7] [Emma Virginia Wigfield,[6] Thomas Turner Wigfield,[5] James Arthur,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Genevieve McGee:

i. **EDNA VIRGINIA,** b. 24 July 1957, Richmond, Va., mar. 4 Sept. 1982, Richmond, Va., Hai C. Tsao, b. 1 July 1956, in Taichung, Taiwan, the son of Shoa Chih Tsao and Heng Tsui Po. Edna Virginia Tsao earned an undergraduate degree at Duke University. Both she and her husband are physicians, they being graduates of the University of Virginia Medical School.

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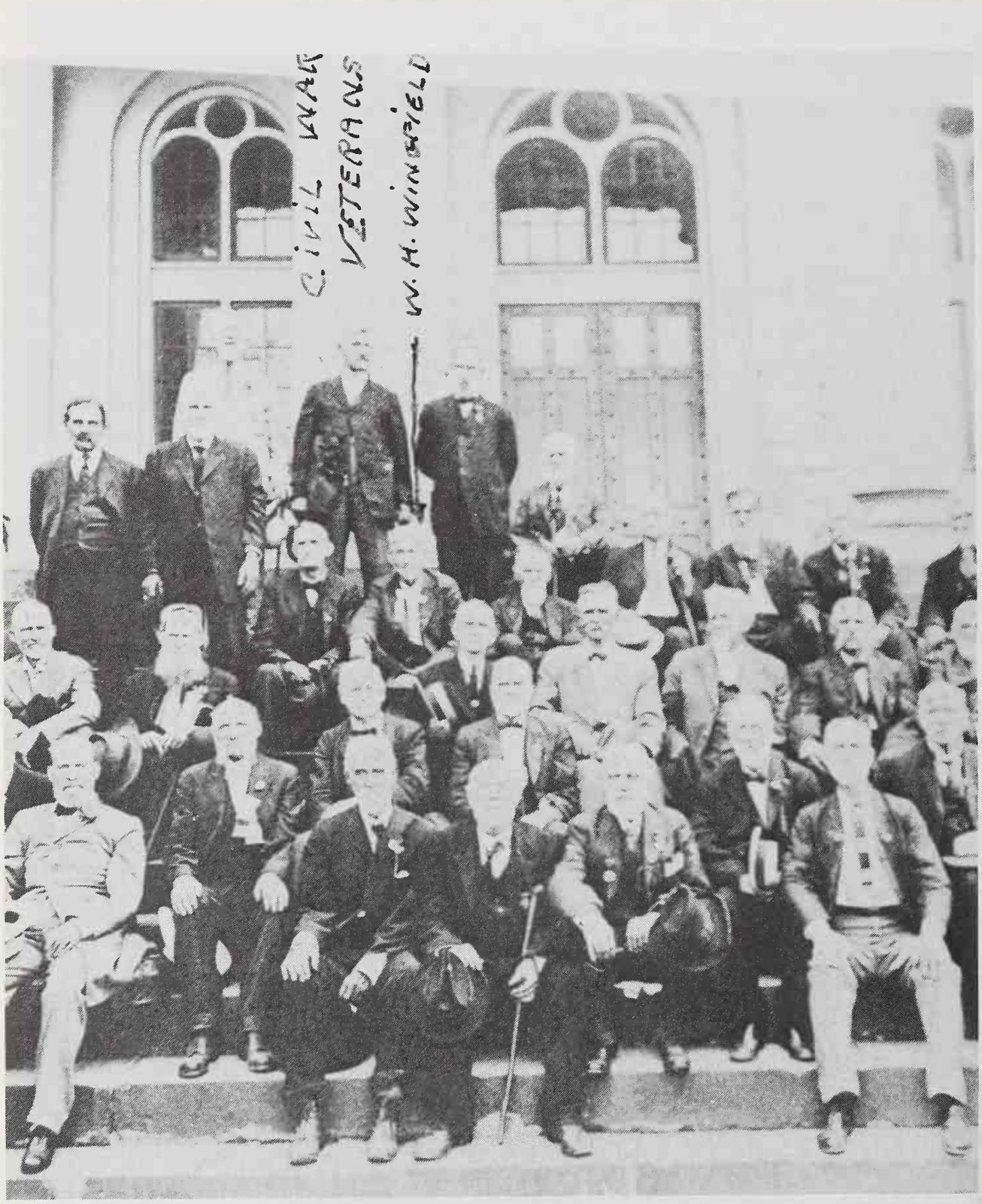
"Those who do not look upon themselves as a link connecting the past with the future do not perform their duty to the world." Daniel Webster

William Henry Wigfield (1844-1919) and his wife, Susan Payne Keith (1847-1921).

Susan Payne Keith Wigfield (1847-1921)



Group photo of Confederate War veterans taken on steps of Fauquier Co., Va. Court House. William Henry Wigfield (incorrectly labeled "Wingfield") is seated in back row, second from the left.

W I L L I A M H E N R Y W I G F I E L D

CHAPTER VII

WILLIAM HENRY WIGFIELD[4] [Thomas S.,[3]John J.,[2]Thomas[1]] was born in Fauquier Co., Va., 1 June 1844, the year Samuel F. B. Morse sent from Washington, D. C. to Baltimore, Md., the first telegraph message, "What hath God wrought!" The following year Edgar Allan Poe published "The Raven and Other Poems and Tales." William was the fourth child, and the third of four sons of Thomas Smith Wigfield and Ann E. Nelson.

William Henry Wigfield enlisted for the duration of the War, in the Seventh Regiment, Virginia Cavalry at Conrad's Store, Va.,1 May 1862, his recruiting officer having been Capt. Fletcher.[1] He lacked one month of being 18 years of age. He was assigned to Company "A" of that Regiment and thus joined his older brother, James Arthur, who had enlisted the year before, on 15 June.

On the day of his enlistment he brought with him a grey horse which was appraised as being of the value of $125.00. Twenty-two days after his enlistment, his grey horse was killed in action in an engagement at Buckton and the colonel of his regiment, R. H. Dulany, authorized payment to him of its appraised value. It is interesting to note that he did not receive payment for the loss of his horse until 26 Feb. 1863.

His Company Muster Roll shows that following the loss of his horse he was

"absent on horse detail", no doubt, indicating that he had been detached for the purpose of finding another mount.

In the engagement at Buckton, when his grey horse was killed, he was wounded and his sister, Ann Charlotte Wigfield Shackleford, in her written application for membership in the Bowen-Martin Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, dated 24 July 1915, described the event:

"In the first engagement his company had with the Yanks, he was shot in the chin by a bullet that was almost spent. It landed in the roof of his mouth inflicting only a flesh wound."

By March 1864 he is shown as mounted on a sorrel horse valued at $850.00 and by July of the same year the records show that he was mounted on a black horse valued at $1087.00.

The 7th. Regiment, Virginia Cavalry, (also known as "Ashby's Cavalry") originally was organized in the spring of 1861. About Oct. 7, 1861, authority was granted to increase the size of the command. In June, 1862, the twenty nine companies of which it was then composed were reduced to ten; ten companies having been assigned to the 12th. Regiment, Virginia Cavalry; seven companies organized as the 17th. Battalion Virginia Cavalry; one company assigned to the 14th. Regiment, Virginia Cavalry, as Company G, and one company became Captain John W. Carter's Battery, Virginia Artillery.

William survived the several changes and reorganizations of his regiment and remained with it until the collapse of the Confederacy in April 1865. Upon the surrender, he was classified by the U. S. Provost Marshall

General at Winchester, Va., as a Prisoner of War. On 4 May (3 years and 3 days after his enlistment) he was paroled. The parole document describes him as age 21, his height as 5' 7", his complexion as dark, his hair as dark and his eyes as hazel.

The parole document is quoted in part:

"Winchester, Virginia, May 4, 1865

"I, W. H. Wigfield, of Co. A, 7th., Va. Cav., C. S. Army, do hereby give this my Parole of Honor, that I will not take up arms against the United States Government until I am regularly exchanged. And that if I am permitted to remain at my home I will conduct myself as a good and peaceful citizen, and will respect the laws in force where I reside, and will do nothing to the detriment of, or in opposition to, the United States Government.

(Signed) W. H. Wigfield"

Upon returning home he found the family plantation in ruins, the cattle, horses, sheep, and indeed all farm animals and equipment having been taken by one or the other of the armies, and of course, all of the slaves had been freed.

Quoting further from his sister's application for membership in the U. D. C., memtioned above:

"He served through the entire war. They both (he and his brother, James Arthur) returned home from the fields of disaster, reduced to poverty unknown to them. Their vision was greeted by old chimneys which marked the spot where once stood their happy home--dire want greeted them everywhere."

The 1870 census of Fauquier Co., Va., at page 123, lists him as age 27, a farmer, and as head of a household consisting of his father, Thomas S., age 59, his mother, Ann E., age 47, his sister, Anna C., age 18, his brother, Douglas N., age 15 and a black laborer, John Wigfield, age 18.

William Henry Wigfield and Susan Payne Keith, daughter of Marshall Keith and Mary Lavinia Hume, were married 18 July 1871, Fauquier Co., Va., Rev. H. E. Johnson performing the ceremony. She was born 11 May 1847 in Fauquier Co., Va.

Prior to the ceremony, but on the same day, the parties entered into a Marriage Settlement which later was duly recorded in the Fauquier Co., Va., Clerks Office in Deed Book 64 at page 383. The Marriage Settlement is quoted in full:

"This Indenture made this 18th. day of July 1871, between William H. Wigfield of the one part, Susan P. Keith, of another part and Strother S. Jones, trustee of the third part. Whereas a marriage is intended to be solemnized between the said William H. Wigfield and the said Susan P. Keith, and, whereas it is the wish of the said parties to so settle all of the property, real and personal, belonging to the said Susan P. Keith in such manner that the same shall not be liable in any mode for the debts of her contemplated husband, or, subject to his control; Now this Indenture Witnesseth, that for the purposes aforesaid and in consideration of five dollars in hand paid, she the said Susan P. Keith, with the assent and approval of her said contemplated husband, by these presents doth give, grant and convey unto the said Strother S. Jones, all of the real and personal estate

whatsoever belonging to her at this date, and all such real and personal estate as she may hereafter acquire by devise, descent, gift or bequest, the real estate now owned by the said Keith amounting at present to one-third of a tract of 550 acres lying on Carter's Run devised from her late father, Marshall Keith, and one half of the dower of her mother, Mary L. Hume, to have and to hold upon the following trust, viz: that she the said Susan P. Keith, shall have the sole, separate and exclusive use and enjoyment of the said property above described as now hers, and all such as she may hereafter have, free from the debts and control of her said husband, that the rents, issues and profits of the real estate, and the interest of any money shall be subject to her sole and separate control and to be paid to her or to her acct. But it is expressly understood and agreed that the said Susan P. Keith shall have full power to dispose of said property herein referred to by her last will and testament or by deed duly authenticated, but in the latter case the proceeds of the same shall be reinvested as the said Keith may direct and held upon the terms of this trust, and the said William H. Wigfield doth hereby ratify and consent to the said settlement.

"Witness the following signatures and seals:

Susie P. Keith [Seal]
Wm. H. Wigfield [Seal]

"I, A. J. Parr, a Justice of the County of Fauquier in the State of Virginia, do certify that Susan P. Keith and William H. Wigfield, whose names are signed to the above Marriage Settlement dated the 18th. day of July 1871, personally appeared before me in my said County and acknowledged the same. Given under my hand this 18th. day of July 1871.

A. J. Parr, J. P."

It is interesting to note that Andrew Jackson Parr and his wife Julia Anna Moore, were the parents of Dora Lee Moore Parr, who on 27 April 1881, married Douglas Nelson Wigfield, William Henry Wigfield's youngest brother.

The 1880 census of Fauquier Co., Va., at page 9, lists William Wigfield, age 36, a farmer, and head of a household consisting of himself, his wife Susan, age 32, a dau., Eva age 7, a dau. Lucy, age 4 and a dau., Mary age 1. Curiously, Susan is listed as "dispectic" in the census record.

The children of William Henry Wigfield[4] [Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Susan Payne Keith:

i. **EVA KEITH,** b. 7 June 1872, at Mt. Airy, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 7 Sept. 1899, Basic City, Va., Jesse Marshall Moffett, b. 27 May 1875, son of Daniel Jackson Moffett and Elizabeth T. Ashby. He died 4 Oct. 1947 and she 22 Feb. 1949. Both deaths occurred at Charlestown, W. Va., and both are buried in the Warrenton, Va., Cem.

ii. **LUCIE MARSHALL,** b. 14 Dec., 1876, at Mt. Airy, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. Richard Turner Ashby Moffett, b. 16 Feb. 1870, Fauquier Co., Va., son of Daniel Jackson Moffett and Elizabeth T. Ashby. She died 13 Sept. 1933, and he 2 June 1943, both in Fauquier Co., Va., and both are buried in the Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va.

iii. **MARY STUART,** b. 12 April 1879, at Keithly, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. Edgar Melville Menefee, b. 21 March 1875, son of Melville Monroe Menefee and Frances

Florence Grant. He died 26 May 1946 and she 17 Jan. 1948 and both are buried in the Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va.

iv. CLAUDIA "CLAUDE" VIRGINIA, b. 2 March 1882, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 30 Nov. 1904, Fauquier Co., Benton Word Fletcher, b. 2 March 1878, at Haymarket, Va. He was a son of Benton F. Fletcher and Mary "Mollie" Nelson.

v. BERTIE LEE, b. 1 Nov. 1884, Fauquier Co., mar. 10 May 1910, Gilbert Ritchie Fletcher, b. 6 July 1881, Fauquier Co., son of Benton F. Fletcher and Mary "Mollie" Nelson. He died 23 March 1948 and she 1 Feb. 1967 and both are buried in Warrenton Va. Cemetery.

vi. WILLIAM HENRY, Sr., b. 6 Nov. 1887, Fauquier Co., mar. 29 March 1907, at Washington, D. C., Adelia Jane Moffett, (they eloped) b. 6 Oct. 1882, dau. of Daniel Jackson Moffett and Elizabeth T. Ashby. She died 10 Aug. 1958 and he, 8 Feb. 1960, both in Fauquier Co., Va. and they are buried in the Warrenton Cemetery. He was a farmer and she a teacher.

As will be noted from the foregoing, William Henry Wigfield, Jr., married Adelia Jane Moffett, and two of his sisters married brothers of his wife. Also, two of his sisters married Fletcher brothers.

At this point it is necessary to point out that the descendants of William Henry Wigfield have adopted the name "Wingfield," and the reader needs to note that change in order to follow the genealogy of this branch of the Wigfield family.

The children of Eva Keith Wingfield[5]

[William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Jesse Marshall Moffett:

i. DANIEL JACKSON, b. Oct., 1900, Fauquier Co., Va. mar. 1929 Virginia Blackwell Johnson, b. Fauquier Co., Va., dau. of Perry Brooke Johnson and Estelle Foote Blackwell. U. S. Marine Corps veteran.

ii. JESSE MARSHALL, Jr., b. 10 June 1905, Fauquier Co., Va. Never married. He died in Charlestown, W. Va., 19 March 1952. He ia buried in the Warrenton Cemetery.

iii. EVELYN KEITH, b. 7 March 1903, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. firstly in Alexandria, Va., Maj. Phillip Brown, and secondly, Col. Samuel Green. There were no children of either marriage.

iv. LUCILLE VIRGINIA, b. 2 Nov. 1908, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 14 Aug. 1929, at Warrenton, Va., Robert Walter Scates, b. 27 Oct. 1896 at Warsaw, Va., he died 25 July 1952 at Martinsburg, W. Va. and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va. He served in the U. S. Navy in World War I. He was the son of George W. Scates and Eva Williams.

v. NANCY AGNES, b. 4 January. 1912, Fauquier Co.,Va., mar. 25 June 1938 at Charles Town, W. Va., John Garrett Shirley, born 29 May 1912 at Charles Town, W. Va., son of George Peabody Shirley and Minnie Augusta Taldt. He is a retired Episcopal Clergyman. There are no children.

The only child of Daniel Jackson Moffett[6] [Eva Keith Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Virginia Blackwell Johnson:

i. BETTY STUART, b. 1932 Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 1952, John McIntosh Sadler, b. 1930, son of H. M. Sadler and Vivienne Peters.

Children of Betty Stuart Moffett[7] [Daniel Jackson Moffett,[6] Eva Keith Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas [1]] and John McIntosh Sadler:

i. JOHN McINTOSH, Jr., b. 1953 at Charlottesville, Va., mar. 20 Oct. 1984, Long Island, N. Y., Mary Elizabeth Ross.

ii. VIVIENNE VIRGINIA, b. 1955, Cleveland, Ohio. Unmarried.

iii. DANA LYNN, b. 1959, Elizabeth, N. J., mar. 1979, Thomas Mott, b. Long Island, N. Y.

Children of Dana Lynn Sadler[8] [Betty Stuart Moffett,[7] Daniel Jackson Moffett,[6] Eva Keith Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Thomas Mott:

I. MICHELLE LYNN, b. 1980

ii. THOMAS, Jr., b. 1983

Only child of Lucille Virginia Moffett,[6] [Eva Keith Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Robert Walter Scates:

i. ROBERT WALTER, Jr., b. 28 April 1933, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 29 March 1959, in N. C., Imogene E. Gowing, b. 29 March 1935, Ludlow, Mass., dau. of Arthur W. Gowing and Alice L. Williamson. He attended Augusta Military Academy and is a graduate of V. P. I. and is a banker.

Children of Robert Walter Scates, Jr.,[7] [Lucille Virginia Moffett,[6] Eva Keith Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas [1]] and Imogene E. Gowing:

i. ROBERT WALTER, III, b. 2 Feb. 1960 at Harrisonburg, Va.

ii. MICHAEL STUART, b. 16 April 1961, at Harrisonburg, Va.

iii. TIMOTHY STEPHEN, b. 4 March 1964 and died four months later in Charlottesville, VA.

iv. ALLYSON LYNN, b. 15 Aug. 1966 at Richmond, Va.

The children of Lucie Marshall Wingfield[5] [William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Richard Turner Ashby Moffett.

i. CECIL KEITH, b. 2 July 1895, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 26 Nov. 1919, at Manassas, Prince William Co., Va., Eleanor Lewis, dau. of Joseph F. and Mary M. Lewis. He was a merchant and was a veteran of World War I. He died 29 Jan 1983.

ii. RICHARD TURNER ASHBY, Jr. b. 23 Sept. 1897, Fauquier Co., Va. He died 5 May 1932 at Pikesville, Ky. as a result of an automobile accident and is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va. He was never married.

iii. THOMAS STEWART, b. 6 May 1900, Fauquier Co., Va. He died 19 Jan. 1940 at Warrenton, Va, and is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery. He was never married.

iv. KATHLEEN MARSHALL, b. 6 Jan. 1903, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 4 May 1945 at Warrenton, Paul Ernest Gwin, b. 17 July 1915 at Ogensburg, N. Y., son of Walter Seymoor Gwin and Sarah Gappell. She died 17 Feb. 1964, and is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery. There were no children.

v. DANIEL WILLIAM, b. 26 April 1905, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 29 Nov. 1933, Washington, D. C., Minerva Livingston Talley, b. 6 Jan. 1905 at Rehoboth Church, Va., dau. of Raleigh J. Talley and Margaret Beane. She d. 6 Sept. 1983 at Warrenton, Va.

vi. BRUCE LEE, b. 4 Nov. 1907, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 29 June 1937, at Washington, D. C., Dorothy Adell Turville, b. 2 Oct. 1910 at Philadelphia, Pa., dau. of Phillip Edward Turville and Florence Hahn. He died 3 June 1970 at Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

The only child of Daniel William Moffett[6] [Lucie Marshall Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Minerva Livingston Talley:

i. WILLIAM TURNER, b. 11 March 1935, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 8 July 1967 at Princeton, Ill., Sally Jane Sanford, b. 1 July 1945, Syracuse, N. Y., dau. of Emory John Sanford. He is a banker.

The only child of William Turner Moffett[7] [Daniel William Moffett,[6] Lucie Marshall Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Sally Jane Sanford:

i. CANDACE LYNN, b. 7 April 1973 at Fairfax Co., Va.

The children of Bruce Lee Moffett[6] [Lucie

Marshall Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Dorothy Adell Turville:

i. PATRICIA LEE, b. 27 April 1939, Loudon Co., Va. mar. first 4 May 1957, at Takoma Park, Md., Richard Eugene Cramer, son of Luther W. and Phyllis Cramer. Her second marriage was 31 Oct. 1977 at Laurel, Md., to Mark Freedman. No issue from second marriage.

ii. RICHARD BRUCE, b. 11 Nov. 1946, Arlington, Va., mar. 12 Oct. 1981 at San Francisco, Calif., Margaret Louise Phillips, dau. of Earl and Mary Lou Phillips.

iii. JUDITH MARSHALL, b. 11 Nov. 1946, (twin of Richard Bruce). Unmarried.

The children of Patricia Lee Moffett[7] [Bruce Lee Moffett,[6] Lucie Marshall Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and her first husband, Richard Eugene Cramer:

i. STEVEN BRUCE, b. 23 Jan. 1959, Prince George's Co., Md., mar. 8 Oct. 1983, Broward Co., Florida, Donna Lee Mann, dau. of Boyd Llewellyn and Mary Ann Mann.

ii. DONNA LYNN, b. 10 Feb. 1964, Prince George's Co., Md. Unmarried.

The children of Richard Bruce Moffett[7] [Bruce Lee Moffett,[6] Lucie Marshall Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Margaret Louise Phillips:

i. MONTINA ROSE, b. 1 Feb. 1976, San Francisco, Ca.

ii. **ADAM LEE,** b. 12 July 1978, San Francisco, Ca.

iii. **JACOB HERU,** b. 23 Feb. 1981, San Francisco, Ca.

iv. **MYRIAH XAIN,** b. 25 May 1983, San Franciso, Ca.

The children of Mary Stuart Wingfield[5] [William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Edgar Melville Menefee:

i. **JACK LAVELLE,** b. 2 Aug. 1907 at Washington, D. C., mar. 10 Nov. 1934 at Washington, D. C., Gladys Elizabeth Brattan, b. 17 March 1911, Washington, D. C., dau. of William George Brattan and Alice Elizabeth Dice.

ii. **SUE MARSHALL,** b. 18 Aug., 1909, at Washington, D. C., mar. 23 March 1934, Richard Delma Raper, b. 12 Feb. 1907 at Elizabeth City, N. C.,

iii. **ESTHER MARY,** b. 8 March 1922, Washington, D. C., mar. 22 June 1946, at Baltimore, Md., John Walter Cannon, b. 28 Nov. 1914 at Cornelius, N. C., son of Joseph Cannon and Grace Cornelius. He died 25 April 1985.

The children of Jack Lavele Menefee[6] [Mary Stuart Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Gladys Elizabeth Brattan:

i. **BARBARA JEAN,** b. 26 Oct. 1935 at Washington, D. C., mar. 29 Sept. 1956 at Washington, D. C., Earnest Sharp Bell, b. 8 Jan. 1931, Greenwood, Miss., son of Wade Bell and Willie Gillespie.

ii. **JOAN,** b. 18 Sept. 1937 at Washington, D. C. Never married.

iii. **JUDITH ANN,** b. 2 Dec. 1942 Washington, D. C., mar. 9 Nov. 1963, in same city,, Michael Francis Walsh, b. 22 Sept. 1933, Boston, Mass., son of Joseph Walsh.

The only child of Sue Marshall Menefee[6] [Mary Stuart Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Richard Delma Raper:

i. **RICHARD WAYNE,** b. 17 July 1937 at Washington, D. C., mar., first, Glenda Charles, b. in 1938 at Mexico, Mo. His second marriage was to Betty Jarrell, b. Pulaski, Va. There were no children of this union. His third marriage was on 20 Oct. 1973 to Norma Jean Thomson, b. 23 Feb. 1939 at Toronto, Ontario, Canada. She is the dau. of George Silver Thomson and Christina Henderson.

The only child of Richard Wayne **Roper**[7] (He changed his name in a judicial proceeding in 1978 from "Raper" to "Roper") [Sue Marshall Menefee,[6] Mary Stuart Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Glenda Charles:

i. **DEBORAH KIM,** b. 17 June 1957 at Washington, D. C., mar., firstly on 20 Jan. 1976 to Larry Uhlfelder. Her second mar. was to Dale Richmond Smith, b. 20 Dec. 1955.

The only child of Richard Wayne Roper[7] and Norma Jean Thomson:

i. **EVAN WAYNE,** b. 8 Aug. 1975 at Baltimore, Md.

The children of Deborah Kim Raper[8] [Richard Wayne Roper,[7] Sue Marshall Menefee,[6] Mary Stuart Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Dale Richmond Smith:

i. **JASON DALE** b. 6 Aug. 1982 at Falls Church, Va.

ii. **DUSTIN GLENN,** b. 21 May 1984 at Falls Church, Va.

The only child of Esther Mary Menefee[6] [Mary Stuart Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and John Walter Cannon:

i. **LINDA MARIE,** b. 29 April 1949 at Washington, D. C., mar. 20 Feb. 1971, John Richard McCleaf, Jr., son of John Richard McCleaf and Hilma Robinson. No issue.

The only child of Claudia "Claude" Virginia Wingfield[5] [William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Benton Word Fletcher:

i. **PAULINE,** Although diligent inquiry has been made among members of her family, nothing has been learned of this woman's life except that she married John Gaines and that she died leaving no issue.

The children of Bertie Lee Wingfield[5] [William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Gilbert Ritchie Fletcher:

i. **KEITH NELSON,** b. 22 Jan. 1913, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. Mildred Brent Slaughter, dau. of George Clarence Slaughter and Minnie Kent Brent. He died 1 Aug. 1976

in Prince William Co., Va. and is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va.

ii. **GLADYS GRACE** b. 23 Jan. 1915, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. firstly, 29 Dec. 1933 at Forestville, Md., Charles Elliott Parr, b. 11 Nov. 1904, Fauquier Co., Va., son of George Draper Parr and Elinor Elizabeth Menefee. He died in Arlington, Va. and is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery. Her second marriage was to Paul Payne Teates b. 21 Jan. 1918 and there was no issue of this marriage.

iii. **GILBERT RITCHIE, JR.** He was first married on 6 June 1950 to Ruth Anna Setliff and secondly to Marilyn Gilliam, by whom he had no issue. He died in Jacksonville, Fl., 9 Feb. 1976 and is buried in Valdosta, Ga.

The children of Keith Nelson Fletcher[6] [Bertie Lee Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Mildred Brent Slaughter:

i. **CAROLINE SLAUGHTER** b. 28 Dec. 1942, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 30 Sept. 1961 in South Carolina, William Thomas Russell, b. 21 Oct. 1939, at Orleans, Fauquier Co., Va. He is a son of John Garland Russell and Mary Shelton Jeffries.

ii. **KEITH NELSON, Jr.** b. 9 June 1947, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 20 June 1982, Fauquier Co., Va., Margaret Rich, dau. of Hamilton and Lucy Rich.

iii. **STEWART KENT** b. 1 Dec. 1955, Fauquier Co., Va. Unmarried.

The children of Caroline Slaughter Fletcher[7] [Keith Nelson Fletcher,[6] Bertie Lee

Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and William Thomas Russell:

i. **WILLIAM THOMAS, Jr.** b. 27 Nov. 1965, Fauquier Co., Va.

ii. **SUSAN KEITH,** b. 23 June 1976, Prince William Co., Va.

The only child of Gladys Grace Fletcher[6] [Bertie Lee Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Charles Elliott Parr:

i. **ELINOR CHARLENE,** b. 6 May 1935, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. firstly, 24 May 1958 at Richmond, Va., Robert Madison Andrews, b. 23 June 1933, Clemson, S. C.. son of Flood Shields Andrews and Grace Jane Dewar and secondly on 27 Oct. 1984 at Annapolis, Md., David Johnson Holmes, III, b. 13 Sept. 1949 at Beaumont, Texas, son of David Johnson Holmes, Jr. and Effie Lucille Burris.

The children of Elinor Charlene Parr[7] [Gladys Grace Fletcher,[6] Bertie Lee Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Robert Madison Andrews:

i. **SUSAN KEITH,** b. 29 April 1962, Richmond, Va., mar. 12 June 1982, John David Mensch.

ii. **STEWART DEWAR,** b. 15 July 1963, Washigton, D. C. He is a student at college and is unmarried.

Child of Susan Keith Andrews[8] [Elinor Charlene Parr,[7] Gladys Grace Fletcher,[6] Bertie Lee Wingfield,[5] William Henry

Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and John David Mensch:

i. **ANN STEWART,** b. 29 April 1984 at Fairfax, Va.

The children of Gilbert Ritchie Fletcher, Jr.[6] [Bertie Lee Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Ruth Anna Setliff:

i. **SUE ANNA,** b. 16 Feb. 1952 Warrenton, Va. and died 4 Nov. 1958.

ii. **WALLACE RITCHIE,** b. 29 May 1953, Broward Co., Florida, mar. 4 Sept. 1976, Rebecca Jean Brown, b. 29 March 1955, Valdosta, Ga., dau. of Lee Roy Brown, Jr. and Ruth Anita Jackson.

iii. **PAT LEE,** b. 11 March 1955, Broward Co., Florida, mar. 18 Nov. 1970, Echols Co., Ga., Bobby Joe Herndon, b. 15 Jan. 1942, Treutlen Co., Ga., son of John Wesley Herndon and Katie Oreta Hutcheson.

The children of Wallace Ritchie Fletcher[7] [Gilbert Ritchie Fletcher, Jr.[6] Bertie Lee Wingfield,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Rebecca Jean Brown:

i. **DEE ANNA JEAN,** b. 13 Nov. 1977, Valdosta, Ga.

ii. **WALLACE RITCHIE, II** b. 9 Feb. 1982 at Savannah, Ga.

The children of Pat Lee Fletcher[7] (same ancestry as bro. above) & Bobby Joe Herndon:

i. **BRANDY ANN** b. 6 April 1975, Dade Co., Florida.

ii. **JOHN THOMAS** b. 26 Jan. 1979 at Dublin, Georgia.

The children of William Henry Wingfield, Sr.[5] [William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Adelia Jane Moffett:

i. **WILLIAM HENRY, Jr.** b. 13 March 1908, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., firstly to Olive (maiden name not known) and secondly, on 7 June 1963, at Washington, D. C., to Marie Lucille Clayton, b. 6 Jan. 1918, Richmond, Va., dau. of Talmadge Clayton and Lucille Trice. He died 4 Nov. 1967 in Washington, D. C. and is buried in Warrenton, Va. There was no issue by either marriage. He was a carpenter.

ii. **DANIEL JACKSON,** b. 22 June 1910, Fauquier Co., Va., married on 27 Sept. 1952, at Winchester, Va., Ruby Virginia Guthridge, b. 12 June 1905, Frederick Co., Va., dau. of William Edward Guthridge and Elinor Borden. He was employed by the U. S. Postal Service. He died 27 Nov. 1974 at Winchester, Va. and is buried there in the Mt. Hebron Cemetery. There was no issue.

iii. **ELIZABETH THOMAS,** b. 26 Sept. 1912, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., first, on 13 Aug. 1937 at Richmond, Va., Walter Greenland Stephenson, b. 6 Jan. 1903 at Roanoke, Va. son of William C. Stephenson and Elizabeth Greenland. He was engaged in the insurance business. He was a graduate of Woodbury Forest Preparatory School and of the University of Virginia. He died 27 June 1960 at Roanoke, Va. Her second mar. was on 12 Nov. 1967 to Roy W. Wood, b. 29 Aug. 1897, son of John S. Wood and Reola Thompson. John S. Wood was a Justice of the Supreme Court of Arkansas. Roy W. Wood was a graduate of the Univ. of Arkansas School of Law and was

engaged in the textile mercantile business. He served in the U. S. Army Air Corps. in World War I. He died 4 April 1974 and is buried in Fayetteville, Ark.

iv. **SUSAN MARY,** b. 3 March 1919, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 15 Dec. 1945, Culpeper, Va., Joseph Francis, Jr., b. 26 April 1922 Chicago, Ill., son of Joseph Francis and Nell Jo Plather. He is a lawyer and a World War II and Viet Nam War veteran.

v. **NIMROD MOFFETT,** b. 4 Sept. 1920, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., first, in 1958 at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Lorraine McKnight, b. in Tulsa, Oklahoma. His second mar. was on 10 June 1966 at Fredericksburg, Va. to Josephine Haynes, b. 10 March 1945, Culpeper, Va., dau. of Elmer D. Haynes and Maude Jeffries. He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II. He died at Richmond, Va., 12 July 1983 and is buried in the Warrenton Cem. He was a carpenter.

The children of Elizabeth Thomas Wingfield[6] [William Henry Wingfield, Sr.,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Walter Greenland Stephenson:

i. **KATHERINE KEITH,** b. 26 Oct. 1939 at Roanoke, Va., mar., first, 6 July 1957, at Roanoke, Va., William McIntyre Gill, b. Jan. 1935, son of John Gill and Elizabeth McIntyre. Her second mar. was on 21 April 1967 in New York City to Robert A. Falaise, b. 28 Oct. 1932, New York City, son of Robert Alphonse and Ann Falaise. He served as an officer in the U. S. Army, is a lawyer, and is a vice-president and corporate counsel of Radio Corporation of America. There has been no issue of this marriage.

ii. **SARA ELIZABETH,** b. 22 Jan. 1942, Roanoke, Va., mar. June 1961, Roanoke, Va. John William Via, Jr., son of John William Via. He is a lawyer, having graduated from the University of Virginiaa School of Law. She has earned a masters degree from George Washington University.

iii. **WALTER GREENLAND, Jr.** b. 4 June 1945, mar., first, on 12 Oct. 1967 at Roanoke, Va., Betsy Adams, dau. of Redman Adams and Betty Bryant. His second mar. on 7 June 1980 at Tulsa, Ok. was to Kim Michele Carpenter, There was no issue of this marriage. He is a graduate of the Univ. of Ga. and of the Tulsa Univ. School of Law and is a lawyer.

The children of Katherine Keith Stephenson[7] [Elizabeth Thomas Wingfield,[6] William Henry Wingfield, Sr.,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and William McIntyre Gill:

i. **ELIZABETH STEPHENSON,** b. 23 Sept. 1958, Roanoke, Va. mar. 8 Oct. 1983, Redford, N. Y., Christopher David Adams, son of Charles Patton Adams.

ii. **WILLIAM McINTYRE, Jr.,** b. 16 Nov. 1959, Charlottesville, Va. He served in the U. S. Air Force. Unmarried.

The children of Sara Elizabeth Stephenson,[7] (same ancestry as Katherine Keith, as above) and John William Via, Jr.:

i. **JOHN WILLIAM, III,** b. 31 July 1962, Beaumont, Texas, mar. 7 Jan. 1984, Alexandria, Va., Julie Woodard Prentiss, dau. of Dickinson Prentiss and Eleanor Bateau. Both are graduates of the University of Va.

ii. **WALTER STEPHENSON,** b. 18 March 1965 at Alexandria, Va. He is a student of Virginia Military Institute.

iii. **HENRY FLEMING,** b. 26 July 1967 at Alexandria, Va. He is an honor student and has been accorded early acceptance at the University of Virginia. He has been nominated for the Jefferson Scholarship Program.

The only child of Walter Greenland Stephenson, Jr.[7] (same ancestry as Katherine Keith, above) and Betsy Adams:

i. **WALTER GREENLAND, III.** b. 18 March 1971 at Athens, Ga.

The children of Susan Mary Wingfield,[6] [William Henry Wingfield, Sr.,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Joseph Francis, Jr.:

i. **JODY SUE,** b. 12 June 1954 at Tulsa, Ok., mar., 8 April 1982, Tulsa, Ok., Donald Wayne Humphrey, b. 22 Sept. 1951, Rodney, Ok., son of Marvin Forest Humphrey and Audrey Mary Elliott. She is a French and Spanish teacher at Claremore, Ok. High School. She is a graduate of Tulsa University.

ii. **RANDOLPH STEWART,** b. 10 Aug. 1955 at Tulsa, Ok., mar. 2 Feb. 1985, Tulsa, Ok., Martha Louise Machledt, b. 12 Nov. 1951 at Clinton, Iowa, dau. of Joseph Paul Machledt and Ruth Mildred Goff. They are both graduates of Tulsa University Law School and are practicing law in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Child of Jody Sue Francis[7] [Susan Mary Wingfield,[6] William Henry Wingfield, Sr.,[5]

William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Donald Wayne Humphrey:

i. **ERIC FRANCIS,** b. 11 Jan. 1984 at Tulsa, Ok.

The children of Nimrod Moffett Wingfield[6] [William Henry Wingfield, Sr.,[5] William Henry Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Lorraine McKnight:

i. **DEBORAH SUSAN,** b. 1959, Tulsa, Okla. (she is reported to have left Tulsa, Ok. many years age and has maintained no contact with any member of her father's family).

ii. **ADELIA ANNE,** b., 1962 at Tulsa, Okla. (she is reported to have moved to Texas but her residence is unknown to any member of her father's family).

The only child of Nimrod Moffett Wingfield[6] (note ancestry above) and his second wife, Josephine Haynes:

i. **ADELIA SUSAN,** b. 27 March 1966 in Fauquier Co., Va.

NOTES & REFERENCES

1. Military Service Records, National Archives.

"To forget ones ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root." Chinese proverb

Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield Nelson (1848-1930). Portrait made in 1905.

Joseph Henry Nelson 1839-1904) in uniform of Confederate Army officer. He was the husband of Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield.

Portrait of Joseph Henry Nelson (1839-1904) at age 32.

Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield Nelson (1848-1930) and daughter, Minnie Lee (1870-1943) (Mrs. Clarence Hamilton Rector). Portrait was made in 1884.

Home of Joseph Henry Nelson and Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield Nelson, located on Culpeper St., Warrenton, Va.

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W I G F I E L D

CHAPTER VIII

MARY ELIZABETH GAY[4] WIGFIELD [Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] was born in Fauquier Co., Va., 17 June 1848. During that year Zachary Taylor was elected President and Millard Fillmore, Vice President, both Whigs. Two years later, upon the death of Taylor, Fillmore succeeded him as President. In 1848 the Women's Rights Convention was held in Seneca Falls, N. Y. This was the beginning of the modern feminist movement and was led by Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

On 8 Jan. 1866[1] when she was 17 years of age, she married Capt. Joseph Henry Nelson, b. 23 Nov. 1839 in Fauquier Co., Va., son of Thomas Henry Nelson, Jr. and Mary Frances Bise. The bride and groom were second cousins, her grandfather, John B. Nelson, (1772-1847) having been an older brother of his gramdfather, Thomas Henry Nelson, Jr. (1777-1856).[2]

Joseph Henry Nelson served to the end of the War Between the States as an officer of the 43rd. Virginia Cavalry, commanded by the brilliant guerrilla leader, Col. John Singleton Mosby. This band of Southern patriots operated behind the lines of the Northern armies, generally in the northern Virginia counties of Fauquier and Loudon.

He was with Col. Mosby in March 1863, when he penetrated the lines of the Northern army

on a dark and stormy night and captured the sleeping, Brig. Gen. Stoughton, together with two of his officer-aides, 30 men, 58 horses and much equipment.[3] Maj. Gen. J. E. B. Stuart, C. S. A., in a General Order dated 12 March 1863, commended Mosby and his men for their spectacular achievement:

"This feat, unparalled in the war, was performed in the midst of the enemy's troops, at Fairfax Court House, without loss or injury.

"The gallant band of Capt. Mosby share the glory, as they did the danger of this enterprise, and are worthy of such a leader."

Among letters in the possession of his grand niece, Charlotte Stuart Tiffany Brown, is one which describes an episode which very nearly cost Joseph Henry Nelson his life. The letter is undated and is from Mary Gay Hixon to her sister, Lena Stuart Tiffany, daughters of James William Shackelford and Ann Charlotte Wigfield, Joseph Henry Nelson's brother-in-law and sister-in-law, the letter stating in part:

"Somewhere in Virginia, in a battle where the Confederates were compelled to retreat and leave their wounded, the Yanks came over to take up the prisoners and one of them said 'This man is so near dead we won't take him' and he kicked Lt. Nelson (who had been shot in the hip) down an embankment and left him to die. After dark, he saw a light in a cabin across the field and he crawled to it. They took him in and nursed him. He always walked with a limp."

The foregoing describes an engagement in which Lt. Nelson, who was then temporarily in command of the Mosby forces, was suprised at

Snickersville, Va. by Capt. Blazer, of the Northern army, with near disastrous results and the following describes the same episode:

"Assisted by Sergeant Johnson, who was in command of Co. B, Nelson attempted to rally and form the squadron, but in vain, for Blazer, who had opened the fight with his seven-shooting rifles, was pressing close upon them. Nelson, in this extremity, preserved his well-earned reputation as a soldier. He placed himself at the head of twenty-five men, and charged into the midst of the assailants, driving them back. But Blazer soon rallied his men, and led them again to the charge. At this critical juncture Nelson was severely wounded in the thigh, and was compelled to retire to the rear....."[3]

Before the War had ended he had been wounded four times and had risen to the rank of Captain. After the war he became a hardware merchant in Warrenton, Va., mayor of that town and Commissioner of Revenue of Fauquier Co., Va. He died 29 Nov. 1904 and his wife 26 Oct. 1930 and both are buried in the Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va.

The children of Mary Elizabeth Gay[4] Wigfield [Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Joseph Henry Nelson:

i. EDGAR FRANKLAND, b. 25 Dec. 1868, Fauquier Co., Va., the year Gen. U. S. Grant was elected President on the Republican ticket. He mar. 28 Dec. 1910, Lillian F. Furr, b. 2 April 1876, Loudon Co., Va., dau. of John William Furr and Mary Frances Frasier. He died 29 Dec. 1954 and she 26 May 1960, and both are buried in the Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va. He had been engaged in the refrigeration business in

Washington, D. C.

ii. **LENA STUART,** b. 11 Feb. 1870, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 26 Oct. 1892, at Catlett Station, Fauquier Co., Va., Thomas Gerald Anderson, b. 28 Dec. 1860 at Flint Hill, Rappahannock Co., Va., son of Elijah Thomas Anderson and Elvira Gabrilla Payne. She was named in honor of the famous Confederate cavalryman, Gen. J. E. B. Stuart. She died 4 April 1935 at Washington, D. C., and he 2 Feb. 1940 at Arlington, Va., and both are buried in the Warrenton Cem., Warrenton, Va. He was engaged in the refrigeration business and also in the real estate business.

iii. **MINNIE LEE,** b. 25 Sept. 1872, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 18 Nov. 1896, at Washington, D. C., Clarence Hamilton Rector, b. 31 Aug. 1870, at Rectortown, Va., son of Asa Hamilton Rector and Annie Frances Rector (3rd. cousins). She was named in honor of Gen. Robert E. Lee. He was a farmer. He died 31 March 1939 at Rectortown, Va. and she 22 Oct. 1943 at Washington, D. C. Both are buried in Middleburg, Va.

iv. **JOSEPH HENRY, Jr.,** b. 9 Aug., 1873 Fauquier Co., Va. He died 1 Aug. 1883, having been thrown and dragged by his pony. He is buried in Warrenton Cemetery.

v. **EDITH JACKSON,** b. 27 July 1875, Fauquier Co., Va. She was named in honor of Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson. She died 19 Jan. 1880 from a fall and is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery.

vi. **ANNA MARY,** b. 29 March 1877 and died 30 April 1877 and is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va.

vii. **HUBERT DORSEY,** b. 18 Aug. 1878, and died 13 Jan. 1879. He is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va.

viii. **MAGGIE NADINE,** b. 28 Oct. 1879 and died 2 Sept. 1883. She is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery,

ix. **GEORGE REGESTER,** b. 21 Sept. 1881 and died 27 Nov, 1882. He was named in honor of a Methodist minister. He is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery.

x. **WILLIAM WESTON,** b. 4 June 1883 d. 1916, unmarried and without issue.

xi. **MARY BELLE,** b. 26 March 1885 and died in 1960, unmarried and without issue. She was employed by the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, held a degree in law and was a accompolished pianist. She is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery.

xii. **MARVIN CANTER,** b. 3 Nov. 1886 and died 4 Oct. 1908 of tuberculosis. He was named in honor of a Methodist minister. He was unmarried and died without issue and is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery.

xiii. **MARGURITE VIRGINIA,** b. 8 Aug. 1888 and died 27 Dec. 1895. She is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery.

xiv. **NANNIE LUCILLE,** b. 13 March 1890 and died unmarried and without issue 1 Jan. 1975 at Alexandria, Va. She was employed by the U. S. Public Health Service. She is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery.

The children of Edgar Frankland Nelson[5] [Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Lillian F. Furr:

i. **JOSEPH HENRY, III,** b. 25 March 1911 and died 26 March 1911.

ii. **MARY FRANCES,** b. 24 Nov. 1913 at Washington, D. C. mar. 18 Sept. 1937 at Washington, D. C., Harold Coleman Black, b. 2 March 1913 at Clarksville, Texas, son of Eugene Black, former Member of Congress and Judge of the U. S. Tax Court and Mamie Coleman. He is an engineer.

The children of Mary Frances Nelson[6] [Edgar Frankland Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.[2] Thomas[1]] and Harold Coleman Black:

i. **MARGARET ANN,** b. 11 Sept. 1943 at Pittsburgh, Pa., mar. 28 Dec. 1968 at Denver, Colorado, James Monroe McFarland, b. 4 Nov. 1944. He is in the automotive supply business.

ii. **FRANCES COLEMAN,** b. 10 July 1946 at Pittsburgh, Pa., mar. 2 Dec. 1972 at Denver, Colorado, Rodney Dale Elliott, b. 21 Dec. 1945 at Parker, Pa.

The children of Margaret Ann Black[7] [Mary Frances Nelson,[6] Edgar Frankland Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and James Monroe McFarland:

i. **KIMBERLY ANN,** b. 26 Jan. 1970 at Morgantown, W. Va.

ii. **MARY KATHERINE,** b. 12 Aug. 1971 at Morgantown, W. Va.

The children of Frances Coleman Black[7] [Mary Frances Nelson,[6] Edgar Franklin Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Rodney Dale

Elliott:

i. **ERIN ELAINE,** b. 27 Sept. 1973 at Denver, Colorado.

ii. **NATALIE CHRISTINE,** b. 17 Dec. 1975 at Denver, Colorado.

iii. **TODD DAVID,** b. 30 June 1978 at Denver, Colorado.

iv. **SARAH MARGARET,** b. 29 May 1981 at Denver, Colorado.

v. **TYLER NELSON,** b. 17 Dec. 1984 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The children of Lena Stuart Nelson[5] [Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Thomas Gerald Anderson:

i. **MARY STUART,** b. 13 Aug. 1893 at Roanoke, Va., mar. 13 Aug. 1922 at Washington, D. C., Samuel Poe Carden, b. 1 May 1892 at Belton, Texas, the son of G. B. Carden. He was Chairman of the Dept. of Romance Languages at Berry College, Rome, Ga. He was the holder of three earned degrees and she held bachelor and master degrees from George Washington University. She was an artist and a teacher. He died 6 Jan. 1974 at Jacksonville, Florida. She died 8 Feb. 1984 at Alexandria, Va. and both are buried in the Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va. There were no children.

ii. **THOMAS PAUL,** b. 12 April 1895 and died 31 Oct. 1895 and is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va.

iii. **ROBERT NELSON,** b. 6 May 1899, Roanoke, Va., mar. 24 March 1926 at Hyattsville, Md., Mary Agnes Rogers, b. 28

Jan. 1897 at Hyattsville, Md., the dau. of William Sheppard Rogers and Martha B. Ashe. She was a niece of J. Harris Rogers, inventor of the underground wireless. She d. 31 Dec. 1984. Robert Nelson Anderson was a noted constitutional lawyer and was the founder of the International Bar Association. At one time he was Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States. He died 22 April 1976 and is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery.

iv. **RUTH VIRGINIA,** b. 20 Nov. 1900 at Roanoke, Va., mar. 24 June 1931 at St. Paul M. E. Church, Washington, D. C., Robert Wendell Eaves, b. 23 Nov. 1903 at Forest City, N. C., son of Robert Wells Eaves and Candos Ardela Biggerstaff. Robert Wendell Eaves was a graduate of the University of N. C. at Chapel Hill and received his Master of Arts Degree and Doctorate in Education from George Washington University. He was internationally recognized as an outstanding leader in elementary education in the United States and abroad. He died 16 Jan. 1979 in Arlington, Va., and is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery.

v. **JOSEPH NELSON,** b. 24 Jan. 1903 at Roanoke, Va., mar. 1st. on 13 Aug. 1932 in Washington, D. C., Hope Ross. There was no issue of this marriage. His second marriage was to to (Mrs.) Margaret Ransom Horton on 27 Nov. 1947 at Roanoke, Va. She was the daughter of Hugh O. Horton and Kittye Hennessey, and was born 21 Feb. 1909 at New Bern, N. C. Joseph Nelson Anderson was a lawyer and an accomplished singer. He died 27 April 1954 at Kensington, Md. and is buried in the Warrenton Cemetery, Warrenton, Va., the inscription on his gravestone stating, "A public spirited lawyer and singer. I will sing a new song unto thee O

God."

The children of Robert Nelson Anderson[6] [Lena Stuart Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Mary Agnes Rogers:

i. **MARY ELIZABETH,** b. 20 May 1927, Washington, D. C. mar. 15 May 1954 at Arlington, Va., Thomas Joseph Ashe, Jr., b. 11 March 1927 at Memphis, Tenn., son of Thomas Joseph Ashe and Martha Rogers.

ii. **ROBERT NELSON, Jr.,** b. 7 July 1928, Washington, D. C., mar. 1st., 6 Aug. 1952 at Arlington, Va., Frances Elizabeth Feild, b. 18 March 1928 in Washington, D. C. His 2nd. mar. was on 18 July 1975 at Charleston, S. C., to Bonnie Sue Riley, b. 7 Feb. 1950 at Durham, N. C., dau. of Edward Riley and Peggy Conway. He is a city planner at Chapel Hill, N. C.

iii. **WILLIAM GERALD,** b. 28 Aug. 1933, Washington, D. C., mar. 22 Dec. 1962, at Sudbury, Mass., Carol Jean Scogland, b. 7 July 1941 at Brooklyn, N. Y., dau. of Eugene Vincent Scogland and Muriel Mackin. He was in the Air Force and retired as a Lt. Colonel.

The children of Mary Elizabeth Anderson[7] [Robert Nelson Anderson,[6] Lena Stuart Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2], Thomas[1]] and Thomas Joseph Ashe, Jr.:

i. **ELIZABETH MONTFORT,** 10 Feb. 1955 at Cheverly, Md.

ii. **THOMAS JOSEPH, III,** b. 18 May 1956 at Cheverly, Md.

The children of Robert Nelson Anderson, Jr.[7] [Robert Nelson Anderson,[6] Lena Stuart Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and his first wife, Frances Elizabeth Feild:

i. **ROBERT NELSON, III,** b. 15 Sept. 1954, Washington, D. C., mar. 20 June 1981 at Waco, Texas, Barbara Jean Shaw, dau. of J. Arnold Shaw.

ii. **BRYAN STUART,** b. 19 Oct. 1959 at Chapel Hill, N. C. He is unmarried.

iii. **JOHN ROGERS,** b. 23 Oct. 1960 at Chapel Hill, N. C., mar. Melva Miranda, b. in Bolivia, South America.

iv. **SUSAN CAMPBELL,** b. 15 Jan. 1964, Chapel Hill, N. C. She is not married.

v. **BRUCE FEILD,** b. 19 July 1969, Durham, N. C.

The only child of John Rogers Anderson[8] [Robert Nelson Anderson, Jr.,[7] Robert Nelson Anderson,[6] Lena Stuart Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Melva Miranda:

i. **JOHN ANTHONY**

The only child of Robert Nelson Anderson, Jr.[7] (see his ancestry above stated) and his second wife, Bonnie Sue Riley:

i. **AMELIA ELIZABETH,** b. 29 June 1976 at Durham, N. C.

The only child of William Gerald Anderson[7] [Robert Nelson Anderson,[6] Lena Stuart Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4]

Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Carol Jean Scogland:

i. **WILLIAM SCOTT,** b. 28 Oct. 1968 at Marietta, Georgia.

The only child of Ruth Virginia Anderson[6] [Lena Stuart Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Robert Wendell Eaves:

i. **ROBERT WENDELL, Jr.** b. 22 Sept. 1936, Washington, D. C., mar. 14 Sept. 1963 at Washington, D. C., Jo Ann Wade, b. 23 Sept. 1939 at Morehead City, N. C., dau. of Jacob Fields Wade, Jr. and Rosalie Watson. He is a graduate of the University of N. C., School of Business Administration and is V. P. of Globe Oil Co., Atlanta, Ga.

The children of Robert Wendell Eaves, Jr.[7] [Ruth Virginia Anderson,[6] Lena Stuart Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Jo Ann Wade:

i. **CHARLOTTE ANNE,** b. 24 Aug. 1965, Atlanta, Ga. Student at Univ. of N. C.

ii. **ROBERT WENDELL, III,** b. 7 April 1967 at Atlanta, Ga.

The children of Joseph Nelson Anderson[6] [Lena Stuart Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Margaret Ransom Horton:

i. **JACK HORTON,** b. 18 April 1936, Fieldale, Va., mar. 30 Aug. 1958 at Catonsville, Md., Jane Roeder, b. 17 Sept. 1936 at Catonsville, Md., dau. of James R. Roeder and Elizabeth Hook. He was adopted.

ii. **RUTH RANSOM,** b. 20 Aug.

1939 at Roanoke, Va. Her 1st. marriage in Oct. 1958 at Washington was to Roy George Kahkonen, son of George and Margurite Kahkonen. Her seond marriage took place in Silver Spring, Md. in 1967, and was to Larry Paterson. She died 22 Feb. 1977 at Jackson, Tenn. She was adopted.

iii. **JOSEPH NELSON, Jr.** b. 1 Oct. 1948 at Washington, D. C. His first marriage was in Kensington, Md. in 1966 to Jeri Lee. His second, on 28 Aug. 1971, was to Elizabeth Hyde, and took place at College Grove, Tenn. There was no issue of either marriage.

The children of Jack Horton Anderson[7] [Joseph Nelson Anderson,[6] Lena Stuart Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Jane Roeder:

i. **JACQUELYN CARYL,** b. 19 April 1961 at Chapel Hill, N. C., mar. 31 Aug. 1983, at Westminister, Md., Malcolm Stranathan. No issue.

ii. **JAMES HORTON,** b. 27 Dec. 1964 at Baltimore, Md.

iii. **JENNIFER JANE** b. 1 March 1967 at Baltimore, Md.

The only child of Ruth Ransom Anderson[7] [Joseph Nelson Anderson,[6] Lena Stuart Nelson,[5]Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Roy George Kahkonen:

i. **ARTHUR CARL,** b. 21 Nov. 1960 at Pensacola, Florida. He is unmarried.

The children of Ruth Ransom Anderson[7] (note lineage above) and Larry Paterson:

i. CAROL, b. 11 May 1969 at Silver Spring, Md.

ii. JOHN WILSON, b. 5 June 1971 at Silver Spring, Md.

The children of Minnie Lee Nelson[5] [Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Clarence Hamilton Rector:

i. NELSON HAMILTON, b. 12 Sept. 1899, Vienna, Va., mar. 15 June 1924 Elise Little Kellam, b. 28 Feb. 1900, Wadesboro, N. C., dau. of Richard A. Kellam and Julia Little. She died 23 Nov. 1971 at Atlanta, Ga. He holds a reserves commission as Commander in the U. S. Public Health Service. He graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a degree in engineering.

ii. CLINTON CALEB, b. 13 July 1902 at Rectortown, Va. His 1st. mar. was to Kathryn A. Walden on 1 July 1933. His 2nd. mar. was to Julia Elizabeth Landon on 8 June 1946. She was born 25 Sept. 1902 at Mathews, Va. No children were born of either marriage.

The children of Nelson Hamilton Rector[6] [Minnie Lee Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1] and Elise Little Kellam:

i. RICHARD HAMILTON, b. 21 June 1928, Baltimore, Md., mar. 19 April 1953 at Atlanta, Ga., Lillian Holley, b. 28 June 1927 at Unadilla, Ga., dau. of Henry Marshall Holley and Audrey Marie Griffin. He was a graduate of Georgia Tech. He died of a brain tumor, 17 Nov. 1956 at Corpus Christie, Texas. He was an engineer.

ii. MARY CLINTON, b. 22 June

1933, Greenville, Miss., mar. 8 June 1956, at Atlanta, Ga., Daniel Kelly Young, Jr., b. 8 Nov. 1933, Winterhaven, Florida, son of Daniel Kelly Young and Lorene Spivey. There was no issue of this marriage.

The children of Richard Hamilton Rector[7] [Nelson Hamilton Rector,[6] Minnie Lee Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Elsie Little Kellam:

i. **HOLLEY**, b. 25 March 1954, Houston, Texas, mar. James Michael Chaney, son of James Chaney and Billie Cotton. There was no issue of this marriage.

ii. **RICHARD MAURICE**, b. 16 April 1956 at Corpus Christi, Texas, mar. 16 Aug. 1980, Dallas, Texas, Barbara Gay Nichols, b. 17 March 1956 at Ft. Worth, Tex., dau. of J. T. Nichols and Cleo Haggard.

The only child of Richard Maurice Rector[8] [Richard Hamilton Rector,[7] Nelson Hamilton Rector,[6] Minnie Lee Nelson,[5] Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Barbara Gay Nichols:

i. **ELISE CHERIE** b. 7 Jan. 1984, Dallas, Texas.

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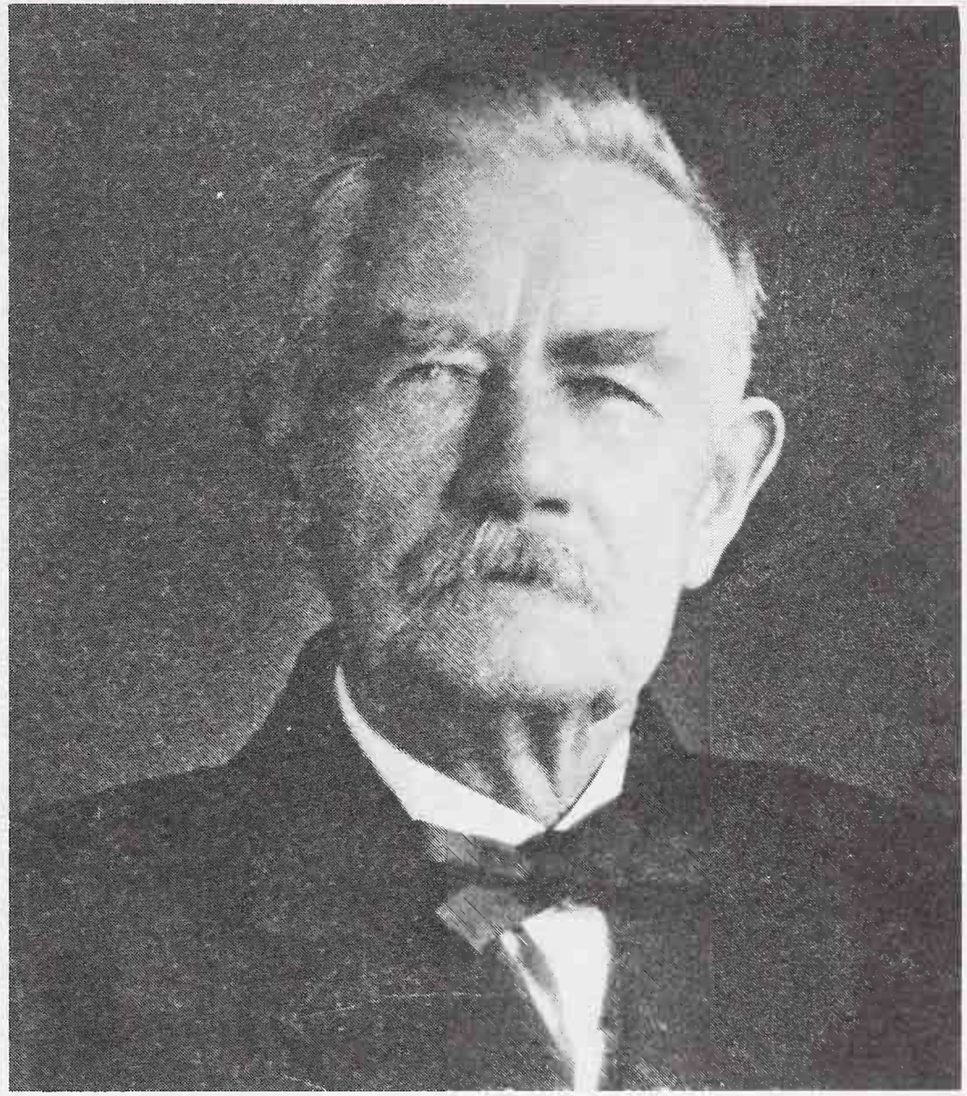

Left: Ann Charlotte Wigfield Shackleford (1852-1924) at age 25.

Right: James William Shackleford (1835-1916).

"Every house is a quotation out of all forests and mines and stone quarries; and every man is a quotation from all his ancestors."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

A N N C H A R L O T T E W I G F I E L D

CHAPTER IX

ANN CHARLOTTE WIGFIELD[4] [Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] was born in Fauquier Co., Va., 2 Sept. 1852, the year in which Franklin Pierce was elected President of the U. S. A. and Louis Napoleon proclaimed himself Emperor Napoleon III. Other events occurring that year were the publication by Stephen Foster of his "My Old Kentucky Home," the publication by Harriet Beecher Stowe of her "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and the publication by Charles Dickens of his "Bleak House." Ann Charlotte was the youngest of the three daughters, and the sixth of the seven children of Thomas Smith Wigfield and Ann E. Nelson.

Ann Charlotte Wigfield and James William Shackleford were married 10 April 1871 at "Rose Hill", her parents home, in Fauquier Co., Va., Rev. H. E. Johnson having been the officiating clergyman. The groom's age was listed as 35 and his occupation as a miller. The brides age was 17. He was born 13 Nov 1835 at Thoroughfare Gap, Fauquier Co., Va., the son of James W. Shackelford and Elizabeth Chapman Duncan. He died 12 Nov. 1916 at Remington, Va. and she 21 Oct. 1924 at Pittsburg, Pa., while visiting with her daughter, Edith Randolph Shackleford, and her husband, Dr. William Ernest Hart. Both are buried in the Remington, Va. Cemetery, Remington, Va. It is surprising to note that her name, as inscribed on her gravestone, is "Nannie" Shackleford-no doubt a nickname

preferred by her.

Because of the destruction of the family fortune and the privations suffered by her brothers and by her husband while serving as soldiers in the Confederate army during the War Between the States, she held strong feelings against the "Yankees" and remained an "Unreconstructed Rebel" to the end of her life.

In an undated letter to her first cousin, Charlotte Stuart Tiffany Brown, Phyllis Shackleford Moore Dorn (1904-1978) said of their grandmother, "..... she wrote mother when she was dying in Pittsburg that she didn't mind dying, indeed it was high time, but she hated to die up there in Pennsylvania with all those Yankees."

In another part of the same letter she said that when their grandmother came to Washington and went for a drive with her mother and father, she always looked away when passing the Lincoln Memorial...she just would not look at it!

Most descendants of this couple spell their surname "Shackleford" rather than "Shackelford". In a letter dated 19 April 1941, Mary Gay Shackleford (Mrs. Leonard E. Hixon), said to one of her sisters, Lena Stuart Shackleford, (Mrs. Ira Hunton Tiffany): "The correct spelling is 'Shackelford.' My grandfather, his father, and all of his father's family spelled it that way. Uncle Sam (Samuel Fisher Shackelford) always did. When our father bought that mill property near Salem, (now Marshall) in the deed it was spelled 'Shackleford', and from that time on father used that spelling even though his father and brothers continued to use the original

spelling of the family name."

In her application for membership in the Bowen-Martin Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy dated 7 May 1915, Ann Charlotte Wigfield Shackleford stated:

"My husband, James William Shackleford, enlisted in the army in April 1861 at Dumfries, Prince William Co., Va., at the age of 25. He was in Company H, Sixth Virginia Cavalry. He took part in the battles of First Manassas and Second Manassas and surrendered at the end of the War at Winchester in April 1865.

"When Jackson drove Banks out of the Valley of Virginia, my husband was with the Sixth Virginia Cavalry which at that time charged the First Maryland Infantry at Cedarville. This charge was led by Gen. Jackson in person and his regiment captured the enemy's infantry and suffered a loss of only about 35 men. At night-fall my husband was captured by the enemy, but later was recaptured by some of his comrades.

"My husband took a part in the Battle of Balls Bluff, near Leesburg, Virginia. After the battle, he had charge of a picket between the battle field and Point of Rocks and after dark he and one of his comrades captured 18 Federals who were trying to get across the Potomac River.

"My husband was wounded twice in the War but neither wound was serious and he continued to do active service until the surrender. He was with Gen. Jones on his thirty days gallop into West Virginia. His rations gave out and for three days he lived on nothing but maple sugar.

"The last fight my husband was in was on the raid to Beverly, West Virginia, in 1865 when about two hundred and sixty five men under General Rosser and Payne captured four or five hundred of the enemy. On this trip my husband suffered severely from exposure to cold. A number of his comrades froze to death."

Elsewhere she states that he participated in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, but this statement has not been researched and verified.

One of James William Shackleford's grand daughters, Phyllis Shackleford Moore Dorn, (1904-1978) in an undated letter to her first cousin, Charlotte Stuart Tiffany Brown, speaks of their grandfather with affection:

"I saw a great deal of grandfather when I was very little and I remember him well, and simply adored him. He used to take me for long walks, and once he took me to see Colonel Mosby (Col. John Singleton Mosby). Mosby lived on the corner of 13th. and Mass. Ave. (in Washington, D. C.) in a first floor apartment. We had tea that day and I sat on his lap. He told me some fascinating tales, none of which approached my goggle-eyed fascination with his beard. It was very long-so long it was almost under me.

"Another pal grandfather took me to see was Lawrence Washington-the last Washington born at Mt. Vernon, if memory serves me correctly. Mr. Washington .... had once lived on the adjoining farm at Marshall (Salem in the olden times) to grandfather's.

"Mr. Washington and my grandfather each had 13 children--and both he and grandfather

had hoped that their children would marry: Mr. Washington had 8 sons and 5 daughters, the exact opposite of grandfather's children.

"I often had a deal with grandfather, if I would scratch his head, which he loved, he would tell me a war story. As a result of that, when I was 8, I wrote a story about the Battle of Chancellorsville and since mother would'nt read it, nor my father, I sent it to grandmother, who did read it, and said it was wonderful. When she died in Pittsburg, Aunt Edith returned to me my eight, nine, ten and eleven literary efforts..... which proved I had a desire to write when a mere little girl."

The children of Ann Charlotte Wigfield[4] [Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and James William Shackleford:

i. **SAMUEL DOUGLAS**, b. 11 March 1872, Marshall, Fauquier Co., Va. mar. 14 June 1910, Roanoke, Va., Callie Lee "Ida" Penn, b. 6 Nov. 1884, Salem, Va. He died in Nov. 1946 and she 2 June 1952, both in Roanoke, Va. He was a graduate of the Univ. of S. C. and of Vanderbilt Univ. School of Law. He was an attorney-at-law.

ii. **MARY GAY**, b. 23 March 1874, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 4 Sept. 1899, Leonard Emerson Hixon. He died 24 Aug. 1918 but her date of death is not known.

iii. **ELIZABETH**, b. 16 April 1875 and died at 6 months of age.

iv. **ACTON NELSON**, b. 9 Sept. 1878, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 7 Sept. 1898, Fauquier Co., Va., Howard Felix Moore, b. 21 June 1873, Albermarle Co., Va., son of Felix C. and Virginia A. Moore. She died 20 Feb.

1946, Washington, D. C. and is buried in Cedar Hill Cem., Suitland, Md. He died 17 Aug. 1956., Washington, D. C. and is buried in Rock Creek Cemetery in that city.

v. **OLA ANN**, b. 2 Feb. 1879, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., firstly, 4 Sept. 1899, Eppa Hunton Conard, b. ca. 1868, son of Ebenezer J. Conard and secondly, William West. There was no issue of the second marriage. Eppa Hunton Conard died 30 July 1906 and his widow on 8 March 1945.

vi. **WILLIAM NELSON**, b. 10 July 1880, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 10 Oct. 1918, Bowling Green, Ky., Margaret Steele Covington, b. 2 April 1895, Bowling Green, Ky., dau. of Robert Wells Covington and Wickliffe Cooper. He attended the College of William and Mary and the Law School of the University of Va. He was an attorney-at-law and employed by the government and was a member of the bars of the states of Virginia and Kentucky and the District of Columbia. He died 20 Oct 1972 in Washington, D. C. and is buried in the Remington Cemetery, Remington, Va.

vii. **HENRY HOWARD**, b. 4 Aug. 1881, Marshall, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 25 Sept. 1915, Vienna, Va., Kathleen Veturia Leith, b. 24 Feb. 1891, Vienna, Va., dau. of Richard Dulaney Leith and Jane Ferguson. He died 24 March 1952 at Vienna, Va., and she 9 Aug. 1967 at Falls Church, Va. and both are buried at Oakton, Va.

viii. **NANNIE JACKSON, b.** b. 15 Nov. 1882, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 21 May 1902, Fauquier Co., Va., Charles William Edward Moore, b. 25 March 1866, Albermarle Co., Va., son of Felix C. and Virginia A. Moore. He was a brother of Howard Felix

Moore, who earlier had married Acton Nelson Shackleford, sister of his wife. He was a merchant. He died 9 April 1925 and she 26 May 1968, both in Waynesboro, Va., and both are buried in Riverview Cem. in that city.

ix. **LENA STUART**, b. 9 Jan 1884, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 5 June 1906, Washington, D. C., Ira Hunton Tiffany, b. 20 Sept. 1882, Fauquier Co., Va., son of Wallace Newton Tiffany and Mary Gertrude Elgin. He died 27 Aug. 1959 and she 10 Jan. 1971, both in Warrenton, Fauquier Co., Va., and both are buried in the Remington Cemetery, Remington, Va. He was a banker.

x. **JOSEPH HENDRIX**, b. 16 Oct. 1885, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. Louise Kitchen. They lived in Ada, Okla. and died without issue. He is buried in the Remington Cem., Remington, Va.

xi. **PAUL ALEXANDER.** b. 5 Nov. 1887, Marshall, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 11 Feb. 1918, Washington, D. C., Madeline Hope, b. 22 May 1887, Emporia, Va. He served as a 1st. Lt. in the army in World War I. He died 30 Dec. 1931 and she in April 1974, both in Kew Gardens, N. Y., where they are buried in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

xii. **ERMA LUCILE**, b. 24 April 1889, Fauquier Co., mar. 17 Oct. 1911, Manassas, Va., Wilbert Lincoln Dally, b. 2 Dec. 1885, Wheeling, W. Va. He died 7 April 1964 and she 26 Aug. 1978, both in Waynesboro, Va., where they are buried in the Riverview Cem. He was a real estate broker.

xiii. **ELVA PHILMORE**, b. 29 Nov. 1892, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 6 June 1914, Henry Ashby Brown, son of Henry Clay Brown and Lesbia Turner Ashby. He died 26 Nov.

1969 and is buried in Remington, Va. He was a bank president and a businessman. She resides in Washington, D. C.

xiv. EDITH RANDOLPH, b. 29 Nov. 1892, (twin of Elva Philmore) mar., 9 Nov. 1915 at Washington, D. C., William Ernest Hart, b. 30 Jan. 1882, Washington, Pa., son of Dunning Hart. He was a physician. He died 12 June 1935 and she 1 Oct. 1940 and both are buried at Washington, Pa.

The children of Samuel Douglas Shackleford[5] [Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Callie Lee "Ida" Penn:

i. SAMUEL DOUGLAS, Jr., b. 30 Sept. 1911, Roanoke Va., mar., 21 June 1943, La Grange, Tenn., Nora Elizabeth Cowan, b. 17 April 1921, La Grange, Tenn. dau. of Winbon Butler Cowan and Sarah Lou Taylor. They lived in Alexandria, Va. 30 years, Hong Kong, 2 years and returned to Roanoke to retire. He was an attorney-at-law. He died 22 June 1981 at Roanoke, Va.

ii. WILLIAM PENN, b. 12 Dec. 1914, mar. 1941, Roanoke, Va., Margaret Wells. He died 11 Nov. 1946, at Warrenton, Va. in an automobile accident.

iii. IDA PENN, b. 28 Nov. 1920, Roanoke, Va., mar., in 1945 at Roanoke, Va., Garden C. Ball, b. in 1920, Charleston, S. C., the son of Alec Ball.

The children of Samuel Douglas Shackleford, Jr.,[6] [Samuel Douglas Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Nora Elizabeth Cowan:

i. **ELIZABETH LEE,** b. 21 Aug. 1944, Memphis, Tenn., mar., 29 Nov. 1979, Alexandria, Va., James Emil Mull, Jr., b. 22 Aug. 1941, Chase City, Va., son of James Emil Mull and Margaret de Jarnette. He is in the real estate business.

ii. **SAMUEL DOUGLAS, II,** b. 20 Dec. 1945, Memphis, Tenn., mar., 3 Aug. 1969, at Fayetteville, N. C., Cora Cornelia Whitaker, b. 21 May 1946, Fayettville, N. C., dau. of Howard Whitaker and Ruth David.

iii. **WINBON COWAN,** b. 28 Sept. 1950, Alexandria, Va., mar. 3 July 1971, Thomasville, Ga., Constance Lucile Moore, b. 15 Feb. 1951 in Japan, dau. of Clayton and Constance Lucile Moore.

The child of Elizabeth Lee Shackleford[7] [Samuel Douglas Shackleford, Jr.,[6] Samuel Douglas,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and James Emil Mull, Jr.:

i. **REBAKAH MARBETH ANNE,** b. 17 Nov. 1980 at San Mateo, Florida.

The children of Samuel Douglas Shackleford, II,[7] [same ancestry as Elizabeth Lee, as above] and Cora Cornelia Whitaker:

i. **AMY ELIZABETH,** b. 14 Oct. 1971 at Roanoke, Va.

ii. **SUSAN GAYE,** b. 24 Sept. 1975 at Roanoke, Va.

iii. **ALLISON HAYNES,** b. 10 Jan. 1977 at Roanoke, Va.

The children of Winbon Cowan Shackleford[7] [same ancestry as Elizabeth Lee, as above] and Constance Lucile Moore:

i. **SARAH ONORA,** b. 4 Dec. 1972 at Tallahassee, Florida.

ii. **AMANDA MOORE,** b. 8 Oct. 1974 at Roanoke, Va.

iii. **KATHERINE CORNELIA,** b. 7 Dec. 1978 at Marion, Alabama.

iv. **SAMUEL CLAYTON,** b. 10 Oct. 1980 at Winona Lake, Indiana.

The only child of William Penn Shackleford[6] [Samuel Douglas Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Margaret Wells:

i. **WILLIAM PENN, Jr.,** b. Feb. 1944, Roanoke, Va., mar. in East Orange, N. J., Carolyn Bailey, b. Lynchburg, Va. He is a Presbyterian Minister of the Gospel.

The children of William Penn Shackleford, Jr.[7] [William Penn Shackleford,[6] Samuel Douglas Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Carolyn Bailey:

i. **WILLIAM PENN, III,** b. 16 Jan. 1971.

ii. **DAVID SCOTT,** b. 27 Sept. 1972.

iii. **ROBERT FREDERICK,** b. 18 June 1974.

The only child of Ida Penn Shackleford[6] [Samuel Douglas Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Garden C. Ball:

i. **CALLIE ANN,** b. 1949,

Mobile, Ala., mar., Dec. 1980, Mobile, Ala., Steve De La Croix.

The only child of Callie Ann Ball [7] [Ida Penn Shackleford,[6] Samuel Douglas Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Steve De La Croix:

i. **JULIA PENN JARDIN**, b. 29 Dec. 1980, Baton Rouge, La.

The children of Mary Gay Shackleford[5] [Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Leonard Emerson Hixon:

i. **NELLIE LUCILLE**, b. 27 Jan. 1901, mar., 11 Dec. 1928, Clement McKissic. She died 18 June 1948. There was no issue.

ii. **ETHEL LOUISE**, b. 18 July 1903. She was never married.

The children of Acton Nelson Shackleford[5] [Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Howard Felix Moore:

i. **EDITH GRACE**, b. 1903 and died 1905 of a spider bite.

ii. **PHYLLIS SHACKLEFORD**, b. 29 July 1904, Basic City, Va., mar., first, Henry Nicholson Lamar. There was no issue of this marriage. Her second marriage was to Bernard John Gallagher, 4 Oct. 1930 at Washington, D. C. He was born 16 Jan. 1903 at Barre, Vt., the son of Hubert Gallagher and Mary Stuyvescent Dunn. He was a lawyer. He died 2 Feb. 1963 and is buried in Rock Creek Cem., Washington, D. C. Her third marriage was to Brig. Gen. Frank Dorn, U. S. Army, Retired, born 25 June 1901, San

Francisco, Ca. There was no issue of this marriage. Upon his retirement from military service, Gen. Dorn devoted himself to literature and published a number of books, including "The Forbidden City", "Forest Twilight" and his best known work, "Walkout: With Stillwell in Burma." He was an accomplished linguist, speaking and writing several languages, including Chinese. Phyllis Shackleford Moore Dorn died 5 July 1978 and her husband died within a few months thereafter.

iii. **HOWARD SHACKLEFORD**, b. 24 Oct. 1920, Washington, D. C., mar. first, 9 July 1944, Patricia Jane Timby, b. 11 July 1923, Salt Lake City, Utah, dau. of Fred Timby and Pearl Johnson. His second mar. was 3 Dec. 1984 at Canoga Park, Calif. to Veda Beth Marbry, b. 18 Feb. 1916 at Yarrow, Alberta, Canada, dau. of Orma Marbry and Lula May York. He is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy and has retired from active service as a Rear Admiral.

The only child of Phyllis Shackleford Moore[6] [Acton Nelson Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Bernard John Gallagher:

i. **BERNARD JOHN, Jr.**, b. 21 Oct. 1936, Washington, D. C., mar. 28 May 1963 at Washington, D. C., Emma Wilhelmina (Eschauzier) Miller, b. 14 June 1941 at The Hague, The Netherlands, dau. of Henri Eschauzier and Emma Wilhelmina Arndsent. He died in Washington, D. C. in 1979.

The only child of Bernard John Gallagher, Jr.[7] [Phyllis Shackleford Moore,[6] Acton Nelson Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Emma Wilhelmina (Eschauzier) Miller:

i. **SARAH JOAN CARTER,** b. 9 Jan. 1965 at Washington, D. C.

The children of Howard Shackleford Moore[6] [Acton Nelson Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Patricia Jane Timby:

i. **VALERIA ANN,** b. 15 Jan. 1948, Honolula, Hawaii, mar. Lee Alan Manning. He is a Warrant Officer, U. S. Army.

ii. **NANCY WINGFIELD,** b. 8 June 1952 at Oak Knoll, Calif. Unmarried.

iii. **COREY MICHAEL SHACKLEFORD,** b. 15 May 1957 at Nice, France, mar. 26 Nov. 1983 Susan Mothershead, dau. of Melvin and Jo Mothershead. He is an officer in the U. S. Naval Air Force.

iv. **PATRICIA NELSON,** b. 13 Sept. 1945 at Palo Alto, Calif. and died in Aug. 1948 in San Francisco, Calif.

The children of Valerie Ann Moore[7] [Howard Shackleford Moore,[6] Acton Nelson Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Lee Alan Manning:

i. **ALICIA,** b. 31 Jan. 1975 at Washington, D. C.

ii. **SCOTT ALAN,** b. 29 Nov. 1976 at Helsinki, Finland.

iii. **KEVIN,** b. 27 June 1981 at Pretoria, South Africa.

The only child of Ola Ann Shackleford[5] [Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Eppa Hunton

Conard:

i. **JAMES REGINALD,** b. 18 March 1902, at Round Hill, Va., mar. 21 June 1924, Ann Rutledge Hereford, b. 1 Feb. 1905, Washington, D. C., dau. of Eugene Hardin Hereford and Blanche C. Howell. He died 14 May 1955. There was no issue.

The children of William Nelson Shackleford[5] [Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Margaret Steele Covington:

i. **WICKLIFFE,** b. 7 Sept. 1919 at Nashville, Tenn., mar. 16 Dec. 1941 at New York, N. Y., Tad Stanwick, Capt., U. S. Navy (Ret.) b. 4 May 1916, Severn, Md., son of Walter L. Stanwick and Mary Ann Pheiffer. She attended Bowling Green Business College. He attended St. John's College, U. S. Naval Academy, Penn State College and Catholic University. He is a business executive.

ii. **COVINGTON,** b. 2 July 1924, Louisville, Ky., mar. 27 Dec. 1950 at Arlington, Va., Helen Julia Sterner, b. 26 July 1927, Washington, D. C., dau. of Charles J. Sterner and Grace A. Cherry. He served in the U. S. Army 1943-46 and 1951-52 as a 1st. Lt. of infantry. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia (BS 1950) and of its law school (JD 1954). He is a member of the Virginia and the American bar associations. He is a business executive.

The children of Wickliffe Shackleford[6] [William Nelson Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John H.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Tad Stanwick:

i. **COVINGTON PHILIP,** b. 25 Oct. 1946 at Washington, D. C., mar. 20 May

1983 at Miami, Fla., Monique Garrett, b. 28 May 1958 at Miami, Fla. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina and is a business executive.

ii. **WICKLIFFE MARY,** b. 19 April 1951 at Washington, D. C., mar. 12 Oct. 1974, Annapolis, Md., Christopher Formant, b. 24 Nov. 1951, Washington, D. C., son of Dino Formant and Angela Kalaeritias. She is a graduate of Georgetown Visitation Convent School and of Marymount College. He is a graduate of Friends School, Washington, D. C. and Washington and Lee University (cum laude). He is a bank executive.

iii. **WELLS THOMAS,** b. 12 June 1954, Washington, D. C., mar. 4 June 1977, Washington, D. C., Dorothy Mesmer, b. 11 June 1955, Washington, D. C., dau. of Frederick Martin Mesmer and Dorothy Sheehan. He is a graduate of Ascension Academy, Alexandria, Va. and of Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.

The only child of Covington Philip Stanwick[7] [Wickliffe Shackleford,[6] William Nelson Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Monique Garrett:

i. **ASHLEY KRISTEN,** b. 28 Feb. 1984 at Aquasco, Md.

The children of Wickliffe Mary Stanwick[7] (same ancestry as Covington Philip, as above) and Christopher Formant:

i. **CHRISTOPHER TAD,** b. 11 May 1979, Washington, D. C.

ii. **PETER COOPER** b. 20 Aug. 1982, Baltimore, Md.

The children of Wells Thomas Stanwick[7] (same ancestry as Covington Philip, as above) and Dorothy Mesmer:

i. **SHEEHAN ELIZABETH,** b. 11 Dec. 1979, Washington, D. C.

ii. **WICKLIFFE MARY,** b. 14 Oct. 1981, Washington, D. C.

iii. **CONNOR CLARE,** b. 27 Jan. 1985, Washington, D. C.

The children of Covington Shackleford[6] [William Nelson Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Helen Julia Sterner:

i. **MARGARET STEELE,** b. 13 June 1954, Detroit, Mich., mar. 25 July 1981 at Lake Forest, Ill., Robert Tighe Magnuson, b. 30 Oct. 1952, Columbus, Ohio, son of Robert Hubbell Magnuson and Margaret Elizabeth Tighe. Margaret Steele Magnuson is a graduate of Boston College, having earned a BA degree in history in 1977. Her husband is a graduate of Dennison University (BA 1974) and of Northwestern University (MBA 1976). He is a Certified Public Accountant. This couple expects their first child in August 1985.

ii. **COVINGTON, Jr.** b. 9 May 1956 at Detroit, Mich. He is a graduate of Lake Forest College (BS in Accounting 1979) and of DePaul University where he earned an MBA degree in 1985. He is unmarried.

iii. **ELIZABETH CHERRY** b. 25 June 1958 at Morristown, N. J., mar. 6 Oct. 1984 at Lake Forest, Ill., Ronald P. Bernardi, b. 9 Nov. 1958, Highland Park, Ill., son of Edward Piacentini Bernardi and

Mary Silvia Vanoni. Elizabeth is a graduate of Bucknell University (BA in Art History 1980) and Ronald is a graduate of the same university having earned a BA degree in Economics in 1980.

iv. **JULIA-ANN NYE**, b. 18 Dec. 1968 at Morristown, N. J. She is a senior in high school.

The only child of Henry Howard Shackleford[5] [Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Kathleen Veturia Leith:

i. **MILDRED LEITH**, b. 24 Sept. 1916 at Vienna, Va., mar. 9 Sept. 1950, Vienna, Va., John Macauley Pope, b. 30 Oct. 1904, New York, N. Y., son of Alfred M. Pope and Ethel Quintard. He was a veteran of World War II and was employed by Eastman Kodak Co. He died 4 April 1972 at Chester, Pa. and is buried at Oakton, Va.

The children of Mildred Leith Shackleford[6] [Henry Howard Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John H.,[2] Thomas[1]] and John Macauley Pope:

i. **JANE LEITH**, b. 7 Feb. 1952, Arlington, Va., mar. 27 Oct. 1973, Falls Church, Va., William Laswell Rigot, Jr., b. 5 Sept. 1949, N. Kingston, R. I., son of William Laswell Rigot and Patricia Bauder. She graduated from the University of Richmond, Va. in 1973 with a B A degree (Spanish). He is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy and is a Lieut. Cdr. in the U. S. Navy.

ii. **JAMES QUINTARD**, b. 19 Dec. 1955, Arlington, Va. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia (BA 1978) and of the

George Washington University School of Law (JD 1983). He is an attorney-at-law and is unmarried.

iii. **JOHN MACAULEY, Jr.** b. 30 April 1959, Alexandria, Va. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina (BFA 1981) and currently is a candidate for the degree of MA at Boston University. He is an artist and is unmarried.

The children of Jane Leith Pope[7] [Mildred Leith Shackleford,[6] Henry Howard Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and William Laswell Rigot, Jr.:

i. **KATHLEEN LEITH,** b. 19 Jan. 1982, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

ii. **SARAH ELIZABETH,** b. 5 Feb. 1985, Bremerton, Washington.

The children of Nannie Jackson Shackleford[5] [Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Charles William Edward Moore:

i. **WILLIAM EDWARD,** b. 3 Aug. 1903, Waynesboro, Va., mar. 23 Sept. 1930 at Ivy, Va., Mary Louise Drake, b, 25 Aug. 1901, Waynesboro, Va., dau. of William E. Drake and Ann Smith. He was an attorney-at-law. He died 6 July 1955 and she 20 July 1971, both at Waynesboro, Va. where they are buried in the Riverview Cemetery.

ii. **MARGARET VIRGINIA,** b. 21 Dec. 1909, Waynesboro, Va., mar. John Maxwell White, 21 May 1938, Waynesboro, Va., son of Christian Streit White and Laura Virginia Maxwell. Margaret Virginia White died 12 July 1975, Waynesboro, Va. and is buried

there in the Riverview Cemetery.

The children of William Edward Moore[6] [Nannie Jackson Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Mary Louise Drake:

i. **MARY LOUISE,** b. 22 June 1932, Charlottesville, Va., mar. 11 Aug. 1966, Washington, D. C., Rene Andrew Boulay, b. 12 April 1924, Fall River, Mass., son of Alphonse Marcel Boulay and Albertine Paille. He served three years in the U. S. Army in World War II and is employed as a technical writer. She is a graduate of Randolph-Macon Women's College (AB 1954-Phi Beta Kappa-Who's Who). She has served as a research analynist with the National Security Agency.

ii. **WILLIAM EDWARD,** b. 20 July 1933, Charlottesville, Va. Unmarried.

The children of Mary Louise Moore[7] [William Edward Moore,[6] Nannie Jackson Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Rene Andrew Boulay:

i. **MARGARET CLAIRE,** b. 13 Aug. 1967 at Takoma Park, Md.

ii. **DAVID CHRISTOPHER,** b. 29 Sept. 1969, at Takoma Park, Md.

The children of Margaret Virginia Moore[6] [Nannie Jackson Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and John Maxwell White:

i. **JOHN MAXWELL, Jr.** b. 15 Jan. 1941, Waynesboro, Va., mar. June 1963, Lawton, Okla., Judith McClung, b. 2 Feb. 1944, Lawton, Okla.

ii. **CHRISTIAN STREIT, IV,** b. 2 June 1945, Waynesboro, Va. He is a lawyer and is unmarried.

The children of John Maxwell White, Jr.,[7] [Margaret Virginia Moore,[6] Nannie Jackson Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Judith McClung:

i. **MAXWELL, III,** b. 15 July 1964, Indianapolis, Ind.

ii. **NANCY WALLING,** b. 18 March 1969, Lawton, Okla.

The children of Lena Stuart Shackleford[5] [Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Ira Hunton Tiffany:

i. **WALLACE NEWTON,** b. 1 September 1910 at Whitney, North Carolina, married 7 January 1936, at Warrenton, Fauquier Co., Va., Emily Virginia Tiffany (Beverley), b. 23 July 1910 at Baltimore, Maryland., daughter of Currell Elgin Tiffany and Mary Fletcher. She is a graduate of Goucher College having earned an AB degree. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University, having earned an AB degree and a law degree at that school. He is an attorney-at-law.

ii. **CHARLOTTE STUART,** b. 7 Aug. 1915, Glyde, Pa., mar. 10 Nov. 1934 at Manassas, Va., William Hill Brown, Jr., son of William Hill Brown and Annie Beckham Hooff. William Hill Brown, Jr. is an attorney-at-law. It is interesting to note that Annie Beckham Hooff's grandfather, Fontaine Beckham, Mayor of Harper's Ferry at the time of John Brown's raid on that town, was the first white man shot by the raiders.

The children of Wallace Newton Tiffany[6] [Lena Stuart Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Emily Virginia Tiffany:

i. **WALLACE NEWTON, Jr.**, b. 5 Dec. 1936, Washington, D. C., mar. Linda Landis Grizzard, b. 15 June 1945, Nashville, Tenn., dau. of Ewing Ambrose Grizzard, Jr. and Pauline Acklen Landis. He graduated from Woodberry Forest School, earned an A.B. degree from Washington and Lee University and a law degree from American University. He is an attorney-at-law.

ii. **CURRELL HUNTON**, b. 7 May 1939 at Warrenton, Va., mar., first, Marjorie Rawls Moore, b. 1 April 1938, New Britain, Conn., dau. of Allen Moore. Secondly, he married on 27 Dec. 1980, at Warrenton, Va., Susanne Janney McClenaghan, b. 2 Aug. 1952 at Front Royal, Va., dau. of John Gilbert McClenaghan. There has been no issue of the second marriage. Currell Hunton Tiffany graduated from Woodberry Forest School and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is president of the Fauquier National Bank, Warrenton, Va.

iii. **MARY LATHAM**, b. 28 June 1949 at Warrenton, Va., mar., 26 June 1971 at Warrenton, Va., Noel Allen Schweitzer, b. 16 June 1947, at Baltimore, Md. son of Justus Schweitzer and Ann Lucille Tamalewicz. He is a graduate of the McDonough School and of the University of Virginia and is vice-president and cashier of the Fauquier National Bank. She is a graduate of Mary Baldwin College.

The children of Wallace Newton Tiffany, Jr.[7] [Wallace Newton Tiffany,[6] Lena Stuart Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Linda Landis

Grizzard:

i. **WALLACE NEWTON, V,** b. 22 Sept. 1971, Washington, D. C.

ii. **LINDA LANDIS,** b. 2 July 1973, Washington, D. C.

The children of Currell Hunton Tiffany,[7] (same ancestry as Wallace Newton Tiffany, Jr., as above) and Marjorie Rawls Moore:

i. **HUNTON SHACKLEFORD,** b. 19 Oct. 1965.

ii. **RAWLS MOORE,** b. 2 April 1969.

The children of Mary Latham Tiffany[7] (same ancestry as Wallace Newton Tiffany, Jr., as above) and Noel Allen Schweitzer:

i. **MARY LATHAM,** b. 4 March 1977 at Warrenton, Va.

ii. **ANN KEMPER,** b. 17 Feb. 1981, Warrenton, Va.

The children of Charlotte Stuart Tiffany[6] [Lena Stuart Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and William Hill Brown, Jr.:

i. **WILLIAM HILL, III,** b. 25 June 1937, Washington, D. C., mar. 13 Feb. 1965 at Nashville, Tenn., Margaret Allen Kennedy, b. 16 April 1945, Nashville, Tenn., dau. of Thomas Peters Kennedy and Agnes Elizabeth Battelle. William Hill Brown, III is a graduate of Woodberry Forest School, Princeton University and Oriel College, Oxford University. He is a priest of the Episcopal Church and is Rector of Grace and

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Richmond, Va.

ii. **ANNE STUART,** b. 3 May 1945, Warrenton, Va., mar. 27 Feb. 1967, Manassas, Va., Harry Kirk Swann, Jr., b. 17 April 1946, Norfolk, Va., son of Harry Kirk Swann and Rosa Louise Thomas. He served in the U. S. Air Force (SAC).

The children of The Rev. William Hill Brown, III,[7] [Charlotte Stuart Tiffany,[6] Lena Stuart Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Margaret Allen Kennedy:

i. **WILLIAM HILL, IV,** b. 21 July 1967, Richmond, Va.

ii. **MARGARET FISHER,** b. 20 March 1970, Richmond, Va.

The children of Anne Stuart Brown[7] [same ancestry as The Rev. William Hill Brown, as above] and Harry Kirk Swann, Jr.:

i. **HARRY KIRK, III,** b. 14 May 1970 at Manassas, Va.

ii. **JAMES LAWRENCE,** b. 11 Dec. 1973 at Manassas, Va.

The only child of Paul Alexander Shackleford[5] [Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Madeline Hope:

i. **PAUL ALEXANDER, Jr.,** b. 7 Nov. 1918, Greenville, S. C., mar. 25 Feb. 1978, at Forest Hills, N. Y., Grace K. Pitts, b. 27 Jan. 1920, Brooklyn, N. Y., dau. of Alfred L. Pitts and Pearl S. Gerberich. He is a veteran of World War II, having served in the U. S. Army as a Captain. He lost a leg in action in that conflict.

The only child of Erma Lucile Shackleford[5] [Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Wilbert Lincoln Dally:

i. **ELIZABETH ANNE,** b. 29 Oct. 1916, Waynesboro, Va., mar. 28 Sept. 1934, Waynesboro, Va., Eugene Johnson, II, b. 1 Oct. 1909, Marianna, Florida, son of (Rev.) Clyde Johnson and Frances Steenbergen. Eugene Johnson is a graduate of Washington and Lee University where he earned BS and MS degrees. He is a retired chemist.

The children of Elizabeth Anne Dally[6] [Erma Lucile Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Eugene Johnson, II:

i. **EUGENE, III,** b. 13 March 1939, Charlottesville, Va., mar. May 1961, Reidsville, N. C., Deborah Ann Welch, b. 1943, Boston, Mass., dau. of James Welch. He is a graduate of Washington and Lee University where he earned a BA degree. In addition he did graduate studies at George Washington University. He is a psychologist.

ii. **LUCILE FRANCES,** b. 23 Sept. 1942, Birmingham, Ala., mar. 27 Dec. 1968, Waynesboro, Va., Thomas Granville Livesay, b. 15 July 1942, Philippine Islands, son of (Rev.) Joseph B. Livesay and Muriel Smith. He is a graduate of Princeton University where he earned a BA degree and of the Medical College of Virginia where he earned a DDS degree. He served as a major in the U. S. Army. He is a dentist and she is a teacher. Lucile Frances Livesay is a graduate of St. Andrews College where she earned a BA degree.

iii. **WILBERT VAN METER,** b. 13

July 1946, Charlottesville, Va. Unmarried.

The children of Eugene Johnson, III[7] [Elizabeth Anne Dally,[6] Erma Lucile Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Deborah Ann Welch:

i. **JUDITH HEYDT,** b. 28 Oct. 1964, Washington, D. C.

ii. **EUGENE ELLIOTT,** b. 27 Jan. 1966, Washington, D. C.

The children of Lucile Frances Johnson[7] [same ancestry as Eugene Johnson, III, as above] and Thomas Granville Livesay:

i. **GWYNNETH ANNE,** b. 9 Oct. 1971, Charlottesville, Va.

ii. **THOMAS GRANVILLE, Jr.,** b. 5 March 1973, Richmond, Va.

iii. **MARGARET HEYDT,** b. 10 March 1977, Columbia, S. C.

The only child of Elva Philmore Shackleford[5] [Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Henry Ashby Brown;

i. **CHARLOTTE ASHBY,** b. 15 Aug. 1916 at Remington, Va., mar., first, 4 March 1936, Washington, D. C., Fletcher D. Procter Plumley, b. 6 Oct. 1905 and died 4 July 1963 at Washington, D. C. and is buried at Northfield, Vermont. Her second marriage was on 3 March 1966 to Donald Howard Richardson, b. 16 Nov. 1916, Bangor, Maine. There is no issue of this marriage.

The only child of Charlotte Ashby Brown[6]

[Elva Philmore Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Fletcher D. Proctor Plumley:

i. **LAVINIA FLETCHER,** b. 17 July 1942, Burlington, Vt., mar., firstly, on 17 June 1961, James H. Lemon and secondly, Jack Watson Hanks of Dallas, Texas. There is no issue of the second marriage.

The children of Lavinia Fletcher Plumley[7] [Charlotte Ashby Brown,[6] Elva Philmore Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and James H. Lemon:

i. **LAVINIA FLETCHER,** b. 23 May 1976 at Washington, D. C.

ii. **ASHLEY LANE,** b. 15 May 1979 at Washington, D. C.

The children of Edith Randolph Shackleford[5] [Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Dr. William Ernest Hart:

i. **EDITH SHACKLEFORD,** b. 15 Feb. 1918, Washington, Pa., mar., Henry Martin Evers, b. 25 May 1910. He is a graduate of the Colorado School of Mines and is a metallurgist.

ii. **STUART SHACKLEFORD,** b. 24 Oct. 1920 at Washington, Pa., mar. 8 April 1939, Pittsburg, Pa., Timothy Warrington Merrill, b. 2 May 1915, Pittsburg, Pa., son of Ferrand Seymour and Saraetta Merrill. He graduated from Yale University in 1936.

The children of Edith Shackleford Hart[6] [Edith Randolph Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Henry Martin Evers:

i. **SALLY SHACKLEFORD**, b. Aug. 1942, mar. Lewis Winston Birmingham. She is a graduate of Northwestern University.

ii. **ELISABETH RANDOLPH**, b. 28 May 1945, mar. Richard Monro Husted, b. 19 Aug. 1945.

The children of Sally Shackleford Evers[7] [Edith Shackleford Hart,[6] Edith Randolph Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Lewis Winston Birmingham:

i. **ELIZABETH WINSTON**, b. 1968.

ii. **MOLLY HART** b. 1974.

The children of Elisabeth Randolph Evers[7] (same ancestry as Sally Shackleford Evers,(as above) and Richard Monro Husted:

i. **MELISSA**, b. 21 Oct. 1972.

ii. **STEPHEN**, b. 26 May 1975.

iii. **BRADLEY HART**, b. 19 July 1979.

The children of Stuart Shackleford Hart[6] [same ancestry as Edith Shackleford Hart, as above] and Timothy Warrington Merrill:
Timothy Warrington Merrill:

i. **POLLY HART**, b. 30 April 1941 at Pittsburg, Pa., mar. Dr. John Henry Peacock, b. 8 March 1944, Spokane, Washington, son of Eldred Peacock, M. D. John Henry Peacock is a physician. Polly Hart is a 1963 graduate of Northwestern University.

ii. **TIMOTHY WARRINGTON, Jr.,**

b. 28 April 1943, Pittsburg, Pa., mar. Nancy Jo Nickel, b. 25 Jan. 1944, Detroit, Mich. He is a graduate of Yale University (1965).

iii. **JANET,** b. 9 July 1947, mar. Richard A. Schmiedt. She graduated from the University of Ohio in 1969. He has earned a Masters and a Doctorate degree in Audio-Physiology.

The children of Polly Hart Merrill[7] [Stuart Shackleford Hart,[6] Edith Randolph Shackleford,[5] Ann Charlotte Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Dr. John Henry Peacock:

i. **TANYA,** b. 12 June 1965, Chicago, Illinois.

ii. **KATHRYN,** b. 3 June 1969, Palo Alto, California.

The children of Timothy Warrington Merrill, Jr.,[7] (same ancestry as Polly Hart, as above) and Nancy Jo Nickel:

i. **TIMOTHY WARRINGTON, III,** b. 19 Jan. 1970 at Sewickley, Pa.

ii. **ANNE NICKEL,** b. 18 Oct. 1972, Sewickley, Pa.

The children of Janet Merrill,[7] (same ancestry as Polly Hart, as above) and Richard A. Schmiedt:

i. **DANIEL MERRILL,** b. 14 May 1973.

ii. **CHAD WEBER,** born 3 May 1975.

Douglas Nelson Wigfield (1856-1898).
Portrait made in 1880 when he was age 24.

Dora Lee Moore Parr (1861-1931) wife of Douglas Nelson Wigfield.

D O U G L A S N E L S O N W I G F I E L D

CHAPTER X

DOUGLAS NELSON WIGFIELD[4] [Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] was born 3 May 1856 at Waterloo, Fauquier Co., Va., the year James Buchanan and John C. Breckinridge were elected President and Vice President, respectively, of the U. S. A. Also, it was the year that President Pierce, just before leaving office, recognized a pro-slavery legislature in Kansas Territory. Partly as a result of that act, the Border Ruffians (pro-slave partisans) sacked Lawrence, Kansas. In return, abolitionist, John Brown, with four of his sons and three other men, murdered five pro-slavery colonists at Pottawatomie Creek, triggering a civil war in the Territory, between Free State and pro-slavery factions which continued until federal troops restored order.

Douglas Nelson Wigfield was the youngest of the seven children of Thomas Smith Wigfield and Ann E. Nelson. At the time of his birth, his eldest brother, John Thomas Wigfield, was a student at the University of Virginia School of Law at Charlottesville, Va. Almost certainly, he would have remembered his grandfather, John Johnson Wigfield, as he was eight years of age when he died in 1864. Since the date of the death of his grandmother, Charlotte Oder (Odor) Wigfield is not known, it is uncertain if he had any recollection of her. His maternal grandparents, John B. Nelson and Cynthia Ann Withers Nelson, both had died in Cooper Co.,

Missouri, ten years before his birth.

Although only a child at the time, he would have had a clear recollection of the War Between the States, particularly the battles and skirmishes which took place at or near the family plantation "Rose Hill" located on Carter's Run at Waterloo, Fauquier County. He would have been enthralled by the war stories told by his older brothers, James Arthur and William Henry, when they were home on leave while serving as members of the Seventh Viginia Cavalry. Certainly, he would have remembered the capture of his brother, James Arthur, at the neighboring Payne home on 12 February 1864.

The public records of Fauquier and of Stafford counties reveal that Douglas Nelson Wigfield was a man who lacked business skills and thus often was sued for failure to pay his debts. Indeed, only eight months after his marriage, in an effort to shelter his 177 acre farm near Cliff Mills in Fauquier County from his creditors, he conveyed it to James C. Scott, Trustee,[1] "for the use of my wife, Dora L. Wigfield". Included in the deed was his personal property, described as 4 horses, 2 colts, 2 milch cows, 7 hogs, 75 bushels of corn, 200 shocks of fodder, 6 stacks of wheat straw, 2 stacks of hay and miscellaneous farming implements.

Twenty months later, and after the birth of their first child, Herbert Nelson Wigfield, he and his wife left Fauquier County and moved to adjoining Stafford County, where, on 31 Oct. 1883, they bought the 287 acre "Lunceford Farm" from J. Burwell Ficklin, Executor,[2] for the sum of $2300.00, financing the purchase by executing a deed of trust. The newly purchased farm was titled in the name of "Dora Lee Wigfield and to her

heirs, free of any claim of her husband, or any future husband she may have."

Not to be outdone, several of his Fauquier County creditors followed him to Stafford, where they filed suit against him for the recovery of their money. Lewis F. Detrick recovered a judgement for $201.00, plus court costs and interest from 1 Oct. 1882; Selden & Son obtained a judgement for #33.20, plus costs and interest from 31 March 1883 and Joseph H. Nelson, (his brother-in-law,) obtained a judgement against him for $17.68, plus costs and interest from 21 Feb. 1885. Also, D. Scott and Bro. obtained a judgement against him in the Corporation Court of Fredericksburg, Va. on 27 March 1886 for $44.00, plus court costs and interest from 4 October 1885.

Not being able to collect any part of their judgement claims, the above mentioned creditors, together with others, joined in a chancery suit filed in the Circuit Court of Stafford County in August 1887_3 alleging in part: ".....that the said D. N. Wigfield purchased from the Ficklin heirs a valuable tract of land for which he paid the sum of $2300.00. The said D. N. Wigfield being heavily in debt, directed the title to this tract of land be made to his wife, the said Dora L. Wigfield, who was a very poor girl when he married her, who at that time and previous time, had no means whatever,..... and it was simply a scheme and device to cover up his property and protect same from the heavy debts which he had already incurred, and contemplated incurring in the management and conduct of his farm,..... we pray therefore, that the said conveyance to the said wife shall be set aside and annulled on the ground of fraud, and that the same shall be subjected to the payment of his

debts....."

Although a search of the chancery records of Stafford County has been made, no record has been found of any action taken by the court on the suit described above. A settlement of the suit seems to have been made by the defendants, when they executed on 28 Aug. 1888, a new deed of trust on their farm to secure "sundry debts in the deed set forth." Unfortunately, the payments required by the terms of the newly placed deed of trust were not made and the holders of the notes secured thereby, declared a default. The farm was sold at public auction at a foreclosure sale held at Stafford Court House, 16 July 1890, and ".....there being no other bidders was sold to A. Mason Curtis for $1050.00."[4]

For the remainder of his life, Douglas N. Wigfield, was a tenant of Alexander Mason Curtis, farming the same land which he and his wife once owned. On 20 June 1902--four years after his death, his widow purchased the farm from the estate of Alexander Mason Curtis, financing its purchase by giving a deed of trust.[5]

Shortly after buying the farm the house was destroyed by fire, leaving the widow and her eleven children without shelter. She, and several of the very young children, moved into the meat house, and two of her daughters, Mable Lee and Effie Julia, were sent to live with their grandparents, Andrew Jackson Parr and Julia Anna Moore Parr at Orleans, Fauquier Co., Va. Several of the older children were sent to live on neighboring farms. Her second eldest son, Ralph Parr Wigfield, remained with his mother, and although he was still in his teens, built a new house and within a year

the family was reunited.

Dora Lee Parr Wigfield possessed the management skills and business judgement which her husband lacked. Not only did she discharge the deed of trust lien which encumbered her farm by paying the installments when due, she paid for the materials for the construction of her new house, and, reared a large family during a period of economic depression. She brought her farm to a high state of cultivation, and in her later life was regarded by her neighbors as their most prosperous farmer. She bought the first Buick automobile to be owned in Stafford County, installed the county's first private carbide plant to provide gas for lighting her home, and, still later installed the county's first Delco plant to provide electricity.

Douglas Nelson Wigfield and Dora Lee Moore Parr were married 27 April 1881. She was born 4 March 1861 in Fauquier Co., Va., the third of nine children of Andrew Jackson Parr and Julia Anna Moore. She died of pneumonia at New Baltimore, Fauquier Co., Va. 24 March 1931, and is buried in the Orleans Cemetery in that county.

Douglas Nelson Wigfield died at his home in Stafford County, Va., 17 July 1898 and was buried on the farm where he had lived. One of his daughters, Jennie Alice, recalled that her father was seized with an attack of appendicitis, was taken to the Garfield Memorial Hospital in Washington, D. C. where his appendix was removed. Shortly after returning home he died--no doubt from peritonitis. In recent years, his remains, together with those of his youngest son, Andrew Percy Wigfield, were removed from the farm and re-interred in the Ramoth Baptist

Church Cemetery, near Mountain View in Stafford Co. Curiously, their family name is inscribed on their gravestone as "Wingfield." Two other sons, Ralph Parr and Douglas Henry, are buried in the same cemetery and their family name is correctly inscribed on their gravestones as "Wigfield."

One of his neighbors, Sallie French Fitzhugh (Mrs. Lee Brockenbrough Fitzhugh) remembers Douglas Nelson Wigfield as a cultivated man, a Sunday School teacher and a musician. She states that he played the organ and the violin at church and at musicales at home.

The children of Douglas Nelson Wigfield[4] [Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Dora Lee Moore Parr:

i. **HERBERT NELSON,** b. 5 June 1882 at Waterloo, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 4 Dec. 1906, Washington, D. C., Mary Martha "Mattie" Cloud, b. 1882, dau. of Robert W. Cloud and Ann E. Biggs. He died 23 June 1955 at Washington, D. C. and she in the same year and both are buried in the Fort Lincoln Cemetery, near that city. He was a plasterer. It should be noted that this man and his descendants have adopted "Wingfield" as their family name.

ii. **JENNIE ALICE,** b. 19 July 1883, Roseville, Stafford Co., Va., mar. firstly, Charles Julian Brewer b. 5 July 1880, Stafford Co., Va., son of Charles B. Brewer and Marian Hewett. He died 4 Oct. 1942, Stafford Co., Va. Secondly, she mar. Eppa H. Embrey. She died 14 May 1971 at Fredericksburg, Va. and is buried in the Rock Hill Cemetery, Stafford Co., Va.

iii. **RALPH PARR,** b. 28 Sept.

1884, Stafford Co., Va., mar. Mary Belle Bryant, b. 19 Feb. 1896, dau. of Daniel Bryant and Dora Lee West. He died 20 Oct. 1974 at Fredericksburg, Va. and she, 1 Sept. 1975 and both are buried in Ramoth Baptist Church Cemetery, Stafford, Va. He was a farmer and a carpenter.

iv. **DOUGLAS HENRY,** b. 8 Jan. 1886, Roseville, Stafford Co., Va., mar. Martha (family name unknown). She was born in Germany. He was a moulder in a foundry in Philadelphia, Pa. Upon his retirement, he and his wife bought from his mother the family farm, but he was unable to operate it successfully and soon sold it and removed to Ocala, Florida, where he died 5 Nov. 1962. He is buried in the Rock Hill Cemetery, Stafford Co., Va. The date and place of her death is not known. There was no issue of this marriage.

v. **MABLE LEE,** b. 29 March 1887, Roseville, Stafford Co., Va., mar. in 1903, James Ashton Brewer, b. 29 June 1878, Stafford Co., Va., son of Charles B. Brewer and Marian Hewett. He was a moulder in a foundry for a number of years but gave up that work and became a successful trader in the stock market. She was killed 11 Feb. 1937 at Gainesville, Florida, when she attempted to close an unlatched rear door of a moving automobile in which she was riding as a passenger. He died 8 April 1956 at Coral Gables, Florida, and both he and his wife are buried near Philadelphia, Pa. He was a veteran of the Spanish-American War.

vi. **EFFIE JULIA,** b. 8 Dec. 1889, Roseville, Stafford Co., Va., mar. 19 Jan. 1911, Stafford Co., John Ashton Bradshaw, b. 9 Nov. 1887, Stafford Co., Va., son of John F. Bradshaw and Catherine Bell

Curtis. He was a farmer. He died 11 Feb. 1960 at Fredericksburg, Va. and is buried in the Hartwood Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Stafford Co., Va. She died 31 Dec. 1980 at Jupiter, Florida.

vii. **ISAAC CANTER,** b. 25 July 1891, Roseville, Stafford Co., Va., mar., firstly, in 1917, Olive Jeanette Curtis, b. 1 March 1895, Roseville, Stafford Co., Va., dau. of William Henry Curtis and Susan Ella Bloxton. She died 16 July 1978 and is buried in National Memorial Park Cem., Falls Church, Va. Isaac Canter Wigfield married, secondly, 5 Sept. 1933 at Stafford, Va., Helen A. Jones (Humphrey), dau. of Edward and Lucy Jones. He died 4 Feb. 1966 and is buried in Ramoth Baptist Church Cem., Stafford, Va. There was no issue of his second marriage.

viii. **ANNIE FRAY,** b. 13 Jan. 1893, Roseville, Stafford Co., Va., mar. Arthur Avent Duguid, b. 1879, North Carolina. He was a merchant. He died 12 Nov. 1924, Douglas, Arizona and she on 22 April 1978, Phoenix, Arizona, and both are buried in Calvary Cemetery, Douglas, Arizona.

ix. **ANDREW PERCY,** b. 17 Nov. 1894, Roseville, Stafford Co., Va. and died 19 July 1917 at the place of his birth. His death was caused by a blood vessel which ruptured when he attempted to lift the wheel of a loaded wagon from a ditch. He was buried on the family farm but in recent years his remains have been removed and re-interred in the Ramoth Baptist Church Cemetery, Stafford, Va. He was unmarried.

x. **DORA MOORE,** b. 14 July 1896, Roseville, Stafford Co., Va. She is a patient at the Western State Hospital, Staunton, Va. She was never married.

xi. **EMMA REBECCA,** b. 3 Aug. 1898, Roseville, Stafford Co., Va. It is noted that she was born three wweks after her fathers death. She mar. 22 Aug. 1917, Stafford Co., Va., Jesse Lee Bonapart Curtis, b. 7 June 1895, Stafford Co., Va., son of Frederick Euston Curtis and Annie Rebecca Anderson. She died 31 May 1968 and he 11 Dec. 1968, both in Fredericksburg, Va. and both are buried in the family burial plot in the Curtis Memorial County Park, Hartwood, Stafford Co., Va. He was a farmer.

The children of Herbert Nelson Wingfield[5] [Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Mary Martha Cloud:

i. **ALICE NELSON,** b. 1 May 1908, mar., firstly, Clyde Shenk and secondly Lindsey Paul Rawley, b. July 1888, Mount Airy, N. C. Very little could be learned of Mrs. Rawley and of her family. In response to a letter seeking data for this family history then in preparation, she wrote: "I am not interested in any of this. My family isn't either. Please do not bother me any more." In the course of collecting material for this history, information was sought from more than 400 family members, and all, with the single exception noted above, readily have supplied the information requested. Most have offered encouragement and many have volunteered help in collecting data for the project.

ii. **BOBBIE LEE,** b. 31 Aug. 1911, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. Lawrence H. Creed. She died 4 Feb. 1985 in Prince George's Co., Md. and is buried there in the Fort Lincoln Cemetery.

iii. **DOUGLAS CLOUD,** b. 16 May

1913, Warrenton, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 16 Feb. 1938 at Washington D. C., Mary Elizabeth Taylor, b. 16 Dec. 1917 at Oelwein, Iowa, dau. of Everett and Mary Agnes Taylor. She died 16 Oct. 1963 at Washington, D. C.. He died 13 Sept. 1976 at Brentwood, Md. and is buried in Ft. Lincoln Cem., Prince George's Co., Md. He was a plasterer.

iv. **MARY VIRGINIA**, b. 7 July 1915, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 7 Oct. 1938, Prince George's Co., Md., Clarence O. Strawn, b. 16 Sept. 1903, Fayette Co. Iowa, son of John H. Strawn and Katherine Kapler.

v. **HERBERT JAMES**, b. 1 July 1917 at New Baltimore, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 25 Dec. 1940 at Washington, D. C., Virginia Mae Brooks, b. 22 July 1922, Washington, D. C., dau. of Hugh D. Brooks and Carrie Mae Smith. He is a retired plasterer and he and his wife live in Gainesville, Fla.

vi. **ALVIN MAPHIS**, b. 24 Nov. 1918, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 16 Nov. 1940, Prince George's Co., Md., Wilma Dott McCray, b. 9 Dec. 1921, Newlon, W. Va., dau. of Hardy Young McCray and Mae Louise Roby. He died 25 June 1967, Prince George's Co., Md. and is buried in the Baltimore, Md. National Cemetery. He was a plasterer by trade and served in the army in World War II. There was no issue of this marriage.

vii. **RICHARD**, b. 1923, Warrenton, Va. He is disabled and is not married.

viii. **LLOYD ANDERSON**, b. 25 March 1924, Warrenton, Va., mar. 7 April 1951, Washington, D. C., Geraldine Huffman, b. 2 March 1929, Takoma Park, Md., dau. of Thomas Dayton Huffman and Emma A. Haas. She

is a graduate of Hannah Harrison College and taught Home Economics in the public schools for 20 years.

He is a banker, being Assistant Vice President of the National Capital Bank, Washington, D. C.

During World War II he served as a Staff Sergeant and Squad Leader with the Seventy Eighth Infantry Division in Europe, participating in battles in the Ardennes, Rhineland and Central Europe, for which he was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, the Silver Star Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. In addition, he was awarded several Badges and Ribbons, including the European-African-Middle Eastern Theatre Ribbon.

During the Battle of the Bulge, while engaged in combat in a cemetery, he was wounded by a German bullet which had ricocheted off a gravestone grazing his right cheek, the bridge of his nose and then across his left eye. The wound was not serious, and indeed in one respect it proved fortunate, in that it resulted in straightening the sight in his left eye which theretofore had been crossed.

ix. **THOMAS FREDERICK,** b. 24 Nov. 1927, Warrenton, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 14 March 1948, Washington, D. C., Barbara Jane Russell, b. 16 June 1928, Washington, D. C., dau. of Milton Robert Russell and Ethel Marie Ness. He is a plasterer.

The only child of Alice Nelson Wingfield[6] [Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Lindsey Paul Rawley:

i. **GINGER ANN,** married,

firstly, a man whose surname is Vyskocil, and secondly to Jack Lafferty.

The only child of Ginger Ann Rawley[7] [Alice Nelson Wingfield,[6] Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and _____ Vyskocil:

i. **DONALD,** (birth date and birth place not known, nor is it known if he is married or has children).

The children of Bobbie Lee Wingfield[6] [Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Lawrence H. Creed:

i. **ELIZABETH LEE,** b. 7 Sept. 1930, Baltimore, Md., mar., firstly, on 12 Nov. 1948, Prince George's Co., Md., Edward S. Lee, b. 22 Nov. 1927 at Rome, N. Y., son of Oliver and Ruth Lee. Her second mar. was Arthur Agresti. Her third marriage was on 18 March 1977 at Prince George's Co., Md. to George Joseph Ciprich, b. 18 March 1933 in Pennsylvania. There was no issue of the second and third marriages.

ii. **DORIS MARIE,** b. 24 April 1932 at Warrenton, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., firstly, C. P. Safritz, b., Ashville, N. C., Her second marriage was to Thor Eldon Bevins.

The children of Elizabeth Lee Creed[7] [Bobbie Lee Wingfield,[6] Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Edward S. Lee:

i. **EDWARD GLENN,** b. 10 May 1950 at Washington, D. C. He died 17 Jan. 1974, Prince George's Co., Md. Unmarried.

ii. **SHEILAH MARIE,** b. 5 March 1956 in Japan, mar. Morris Landes.

The children of Sheilah Marie Lee[8] [Elizabeth Lee Creed,[7] Bobbie Lee Wingfield,[6] Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Morris Landes:

i. **TAMMY LYNN,** b. 22 March 1971 at Montgomery Co., Md.

ii. **FRANK EDWARD,** b. 22 March 1973 at Montgomery Co., Md.

The children of Doris Marie Creed[7] [Bobbie Lee Wingfield,[6] Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and C. P. Safritz:

i. **MELODY ANN,** mar., first, John Livesay. Her second marriage was to W. Shockro, There is no issue from the second marriage.

ii. **CARLA MARIE,** mar. James Roth Boettinger,

The only child of Melody Ann Safritz[8] [Doris Marie Creed,[7] Bobbie Lee Wingfield,[6] Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and John Livesay:

i. **KEITH ALLEN,**

The only child of Carla Marie Safritz[8] (same ancestry as Melody Ann, as above) and James Roth Boettinger:

i. **SEAN,**

The only child of Doris Marie Creed[7] (her

ancestry previously stated) and Thor Eldon Bevins:

i. **STEVEN ALLEN.** His wife's name is Debbie but her family name could not be learned.

The only child of Steven Allen Bevins[8] [Doris Marie Creed,[7] Bobbie Lee Wingfield,[6] Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Debbie _____:

i. **JENNY MARIE,** born in 1983.

The children of Douglas Cloud Wingfield[6] [Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Mary Elizabeth Taylor:

i. **DOUGLAS CLOUD, Jr.,** b. 19 Nov. 1939 at Washington, D. C., mar. firstly, in 1938 in South Carolina, Crystal Elizabeth Jackson, dau. of Charles Edward and Loretta Jackson. There was no issue from this marriage. His second marriage was in 1964 in Washington, D. C. to Carol Ann Marcus, dau. of Doris Ann Marcus. Douglas Cloud Wingfield, Jr. died in April 1979 and is buried in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Cheltenham, Md.

ii. **LYDIA ALICE,** b. 14 Aug. 1945 in Washington, D. C., mar. 12 May 1970 at Upper Marlboro, Md., James Franklin McConnell, b. 2 Oct. 1945, Washington, D. C., son of Joseph Ellsworth McConnell and Helen Lehman. He is employed by the U. S. Postal Service and is a U. S. Army veteran. She is a member of the Town Council of the Town of Brentwood and its Vice Mayor.

The children of Douglas Cloud Wingfield, Jr.[7] [Douglas Cloud Wingfield,[6] Herbert Nelson

Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Carol Ann Marcus:

i. **DOUGLAS CHARLES,** b. in 1960 in Cheverly, Prince George's Co. Md.

ii. **CYNTHIA ELIZABETH,** b. in 1964 in Cheverly, Prince George's Co. Md.

The children of Lydia Alice Wingfield[7] (same ancestry as Douglas Cloud Wingfield, Jr., as above) and James Franklin McConnell:

i. **DAVID EDWARD,** b. 15 July 1967, Prince George's Co., Md.

ii. **JAMES CARROLL,** b. 4 Dec. 1971, Prince George's Co., Md.

iii. **TIMOTHY WARREN,** b. 8 Feb. 1978, Prince George's Co. Md.

iv. **KYLEY MARIE,** b. 8 Nov. 1980, Prince George's Co., Md.

The only child of Mary Virginia Wingfield[6] [Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Clarence O. Strawn:

i. **BARBARA DIANE,** b. 4 Dec. 1944, Louisville, Ky., mar. 7 Aug. 1965, Louisville, Ky., Stephen Dee Hiland, b. 12 Oct., 1942, Huntingburg, Ind., son of Delbert Dee Hiland and Gladys Justine Rohleder. He is a graduate of the University of Louisville and she of the Sts. Mary and Elizabeth School of Nursing.

The children of Barbara Diane Strawn[7] [Mary Virginia Wingfield,[6] Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Steven Dee

Hiland:

i. **STEPHEN DEE, Jr.** b. 30 Dec. 1968 at Louisville, Ky.

ii. **MARK AARON,** b. 19 April 1974 at Louisville, Ky.

The children of Herbert James Wingfield[6] [Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Virginia Mae Brooks:

i. **STEPHEN JAMES,** b. 25 Aug. 1948, Washington, D. C. mar. firstly, on 19 Aug. 1967 at Klampenborg, Denmark, Jytte Buhl Christiansen; secondly, on 28 Nov. 1972 at Brussels, Belgium, Monique Marie Hereman, b. 1 Feb. 1945 at Brussels, Belgium, dau. of Marcel Hereman, and, thirdly, on 2 Sept. 1983 at Manning, S. C., Jo Ann White. There is no issue of the third marriage. He is engaged in the antique business.

ii. **SHIRLEY ANN,** b. 20 Jan. 1942, Washington, D. C., mar. 16 June 1962, Hyattsville, Md., John Caponiti, Jr., b. 15 June 1939, Washington, D. C., son of John Caponiti and Grace Briguglio. He is a Grants Management Officer for the Atomic Energy Commission.

The only child of Stephen James Wingfield[7] [Herbert James Wingfield,[6] Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Jytte Buhl Christiansen:

i. **KRISTINA ANN,** b. 29 July 1967 at Klampenborg, Denmark.

The children of Stephen James Wingfield[7] (see ancestry above) and Monique Marie

Hereman:

i. **MAUREEN MARIE,** b. 22 Feb. 1974, Perth Amboy, N. J.

ii. **NICOLE CARRIE,** b. 25 Sept. 1976, Bricktown, N. J.

The children of Shirley Ann Wingfield[7] (same ancestry as Stephen James, as above) and John Caponiti:

i. **LISA MARIA,** b. 25 Jan. 1970, Silver Spring, Md. (She is adopted).

ii. **KELLY ANN,** b. 28 March 1972, Silver Spring, Md.

The only child of Lloyd Anderson Wingfield[6] [Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Geraldine Huffman:

i. **MARY JOHANNA,** b. 28 Oct. 1954, Washington, D. C., mar. 29 May 1977, Blacksburg, Va., Thomas William Fay b. 26 July 1953, Wilmington, Del., son of William Victor Fay and Thomasa Gibson. He is a graduate of V. P. I., having earned a BS degree in horticulture in 1977 and an MBA degree in 1985. Also, she is a graduate of VPI, having earned a BS Degree in Psychology. She has completed 45 hours toward a graduate degree in Clinical Psychology at Radford University. There has been no issue.

The children of Thomas Frederick Wingfield[6] [Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Barbara Jane Russell:

i. **SHARON LEE,** b. 10 Aug. 1950 at Washington, D. C. mar., firstly,

James Keith Bartlett. There was no issue of this marriage. Secondly, she was married to Warren W. James, b. 31 Aug. 1950 in Mass.

ii. **JACQUELINE ANN.** b. 18 Sept. 1952, at Washington, D. C., mar. 18 Dec. 1970 in Prince George's Co., Md., Robert Benjamin Smith, b. 30 June 1050, Washington, D. C., son of Charlie J. Smith, Jr. He is a cabinetmaker.

iii. **TINA MARIE,** b. 30 June 1960, Washington, D. C., mar. 22 May 1982 in Prince George's Co., Md., Charles Ware.

The children of Sharon Lee Wingfield[7] [Thomas Frederick Wingfield,[6] Herbert Nelson Wingfield,[5] Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Warren W. James:

i. **KIMBERLY ANN,** b. 18 Dec. 1976, Prince George's Co., Md.

ii. **KERI LYNN,** b. 10 Aug. 1981, Prince George's Co., Md.

The children of Jacqueline Ann Wingfield[7] (same ancestry as Sharon Lee, as above) and Robert Benjamin Smith:

i. **BRIDGET ANN,** b. 10 Nov. 1974, Washington, D. C.

ii. **ROBERT BENJAMIN, Jr.,** b. 5 June 1978, Cheverly, Md.

The only child of Tina Marie Wingfield[7] (same ancestry as Sharon Lee, as above) and Charles Ware:

i. **JENNA MARIE,** b. 27 March 1984 in Prince George's Co., Md.

The children of Jennie Alice Wigfield[5] [Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Charles Julian Brewer:

i. **HORACE PAUL,** b. 31 Jan. 1905, Stafford Co., Va., mar. Martha Marie (Kraberg) Cooper, b. 18 March 1901 near Berlin, Germany, dau. of William and Anna Johanna Kraberg. He died 22 Nov. 1947 at Newport News, Va. and is buried in the Greenlawn Cemetery in that city. She died 2 Oct. 1971 at Stuart's Draft, Va. He was a welder by trade.

i. **HAZEL JENNIE,** b. 4 Feb. 1913 at Washington, D. C., mar. 3 Sept. 1932, at Stafford, Va., Hosea Montgomery Heflin, b. 21 Jan 1903, Stafford Co., Va., son of Broadus Heflin and Roena Alma Fritter. He died 11 Feb. 1985 and is buried in the Sunset Memorial Park Cemetery at Fredericksburg, Va.

iii. **CLYDE JULIAN,** b. 23 Jan. 1917 at Bird Lawn, Md., mar. 14 Oct. 1939 at Newport News, Va., Florence Evelyn Turner, b. 31 Oct. 1920 at Hampton, Va., dau. of Wallace Hugh Turner and Margarite Mouring.

iv. **CARROL PERCY,** b. 23 Jan. 1917 and died in infancy.

v. **RANDOLPH WIGFIELD,** b. 24 June 1920 at Stafford, Va., mar. 7 Oct. 1943 at Newport News, Va., Maurine Kay Clark, b. 28 May 1923 at Ewing, Lee Co., Va., dau. of William Lewis Clark and Golden Bell Keys.

vi. **REO PARR,** b. 24 June 1920 (twin of Randolph Wigfield) at Stafford, Va. He died in infancy.

vii. **ANDREW JACKSON,** b. 4 Oct. 1921 at Roseville, Stafford Co., Va., mar.

Mildred Lavon Harmon, b. 3 Feb. 1921.

The only child of Horace Paul Brewer[6] [Jennie Alice Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Martha Marie (Kraberg) Cooper:

i. **MARGARET JENNIE,** b. 13 Oct. 1935 at Newport News, Va., mar. 24 Dec. 1955 at Newport News, Va., Jack Plentovich, b. 30 June 1934 at Pittsburg, Pa., son of Julius Plentovich and Sophie Lang. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia (B.Ch. Eng.) and of North Carolina State University. (Ph.D.). He is a chemical engineer.

The children of Margaret Jennie Brewer[7] [Horace Paul Brewer,[6] Jennie Alice Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Jack Plentovich:

i. **JEFFREY BARTON,** b. 10 Jan. 1959, Portsmouth, Va. He attended Auburn University.

ii. **TODD OWEN,** b. 17 April 1962, Portsmouth, Va. He is a candidate for the degree of B.Mech. Eng. at Auburn University

iii. **DEVANY HALAYNE,** b. 9 Jan. 1965, Raleigh, N. C. She is a student at Christian Brothers College, Memphis, Tenn. and majors in mechanical engineering.

iv. **SHELDON MARIE,** b. 7 Aug. 1971, Portsmouth, Va.

The children of Hazel Jenny Brewer[6] [Jennie Alice Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Hosea Montgomery Heflin:

i. **MARSHALL EMERSON,** b. 22 Sept. 1934, Stafford, Va., mar. 30 June 1956 at Grayson Co., Va., Myrna Ann Cox, b. 16 Jan. 1935, Grayson Co., Va., dau. of Edward Wayne Cox and Willie Cornett.

ii. **FREDERICK LANG,** b. 2 May 1938 Fredericksburg, Va., mar., first, 20 Nov. 1957, Spotsylvania, Va. Leoma James, b. 16 Dec. 1929, Stafford, Va., dau. of Willard James and Oma Heflin. Secondly, he married 12 April 1979 at Spotsylvania, Va., Sylvia Rebecca Bettis, b. 26 May 1938, Stafford, Va., dau. of John Bernard Bettis and Annie Lillian Nash. There is no issue of the second marriage.

The children of Marshall Emerson Heflin[7] [Hazel Jennie Brewer,[6] Jennie Alice Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Myrna Ann Cox:

i. **RHONDA ANN,** b. 10 Jan. 1964, Charlottesville, Va. She is unmarried.

ii. **DAVID GRAYSON,** b. 5 May 1967, Charlottesville, Va.

The only child of Frederick Lang Heflin[7] (same ancestry as Marshall Emerson, as above) and Leoma James:

i. **PATRICK WAYNE,** b. 28 Dec. 1958, Fredericksburg, Va., mar., 14 June 1980, Stafford Co., Va., Cynthia Lynn Wilson, b. 14 Dec. 1962, Alexandria, Va., dau. of Riley James Wilson and Alma Ruth Sizemore. There has been no issue of this marriage.

The children of Clyde Julian Brewer[6] [Jennie Alice Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Florence Evelyn Turner:

i. **CLYDE JULIAN, Jr.,** b. 25 July 1941, Newport News, Va., mar. 12 Feb. 1965, York Co., Va., Sharon Lee Dame, b. 5 Sept. 1945, Hampton, Va., dau. of Samuel Wybrew Dame and Madeline Delores Hautz.

ii. **JANIS CAROL,** b. 26 Dec. 1953, Newport News, Va., mar., firstly, Richard Lynn Whitt. There was no issue of this marriage. Her second marriage was on 31 Dec. 1975 at Newport News, Va. to George William Smith, b. 22 Feb. 1941 at Newport News, Va., son of Woodrow Wilson Smith and Elizabeth Emerson.

iii. **BRENDA DIANNE,** b. 18 Dec. 1957, Newport News, Va., mar. 10 Oct. 1977, at Elizabeth City, N. C., Gerry Lee Hewitt, b. 4 April 1953 in Germany, son of Herman Hewitt and Mita Shitz. No issue.

The only child of Clyde Julian Brewer, Jr.[7] [Clyde Julian Brewer,[6] Jennie Alice Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Sharon Lee Dame:

i. **JENNIFER PAIGE,** b. 12 Feb. 1973 at Hampton, Va.

The only child of Janis Carol Brewer[7] (same ancestry as Clyde Julian, Jr.) and George William Smith:

i. **DAVID RYAN,** b. 30 July 1980 at Newport News, Va.

The children of Randolph Wigfield Brewer[6] [Jennie Alice Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Maurine Kaye Clark:

i. **DONALD RANDOLPH,** b. 28 June 1949, Alexandria, Va., mar. 22 Aug. 1970

at Roanoke, Va., Rose Anne Firebaugh, b. 24 April 1949, Roanoke, Va., dau. of William Calvin Firebaugh and Caroline Bowman. He served in the U. S. Air Force and is an electronics materials manager.

ii. **CAROL MAURINE,** b. 23 Sept. 1953, Alexandria, Va., mar. 13 July 1974, Fairfax Co., Va., Stephen D. R. Smith. No issue.

The children of Donald Randolph Brewer[7] [Randolph Wigfield Brewer,[6] Jennie Alice Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Rose Anne Firebaugh:

i. **KIMBERLY ANNE,** b. 22 March 1980, Fairfax Co., Va.

ii. **ADAM HUNTER,** b. 27 Oct. 1981, Fairfax Co., Va.

The only child of Andrew Jackson Brewer[6] Jennie Alice Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Mildred Lavon Harmon:

i. **JUDITH LAVON,** b. 3 Nov. 1941 at Newport News, Va., mar. Edward Charles McDonald, There has been no issue of the marriage.

The children of Ralph Parr Wigfield[5] [Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Mary Belle Bryant:

i. **MARGARET LEE,** b. 23 March 1915, Stafford Co., Va., mar., 20 April 1935, Stafford, Va., Bernard Lee Wine, b. 20 May 1915, Stafford, Va., son of Algernon Wine and Cora Snellings. He is a retired nurseryman.

ii. **ANNIE REBECCA,** b. 9 March

1916, Stafford Co., Va., mar. 11 July 1935 at Stafford, Va., Elmer Morgan Wine, b. 13 Aug. 1910, Stafford, Va., son of Keith Morgan Wine and Lillie Virginia Reid.

iii. **NELSON PARR,** b. 26 June 1919, Stafford Co., Va., mar. 25 Oct. 1941 at Stafford, Va., Alice Belle Wilson, b. 9 March 1921, Fredericksburg, Va., dau. of Alfred John Wilson and Edna Viola Seeley.

The children of Margaret Lee Wigfield[6] [Ralph Parr,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Bernard Lee Wine:

i. **RONNIE LEE,** b. 19 April 1945 at Fredericksburg, Va., mar. 26 Oct. 1963, Stafford, Va., Jane L. Brown, b. 16 April 1945 at Front Royal, Va., dau. of Warren H. Brown and Pauline Tice.

ii. **JACK DANIEL,** b. 18 Feb. 1950 at Fredericksburg, Va., mar., firstly, on 7 June 1969 at Stafford, Va., Deborah Bowles, b. 19 March 1950 at Beckley, W. Va., dau. of Gordon Bowles and Shirley MacRamsey. Secondly, he married Lydia Ray Carranza, b. 19 Nov. 1942 at Huntington Park, Ca., dau. of Alfred F. Carranza and Mary L. Medrano. He is a member of the U. S. Marine Corps.

The children of Ronnie Lee Wine[7] [Margaret Lee Wigfield,[6] Ralph Parr,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Jane L. Brown:

i. **BETH ANN,** b. 2 June 1977 at Front Royal, Va.

ii. **ROBERT LEE,** b. 7 Feb. 1971, at Front Royal, Va. (he is adopted).

The children of Jack Daniel Wine[7] (same ancestry as Ronnie Lee, as above) and Deborah Bowles:

i. **AMY LYNN,** b. 8 Aug. 1970 at Oceanside, Ca.

ii. **JACK DANIEL, Jr.,** b. 11 Jan. 1973 at Oceanside, Ca.

The only child of Jack Daniel Wine[7] (see ancestry, as above) and Lydia Ray Carranza:

i. **TAMMY RENNE,** b. 29 July 1975 at Oceanside, Ca.

The children of Annie Rebecca Wigfield[6] Ralph Parr,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Elmer Morgan Wine:

i. **JOYCE ANN,** b. 22 July 1936, Stafford, Va., mar. 23 July 1956 in Pikesville, Maryland, John Thomas Jefferson, Jr., b. 28 Feb. 1933 at Roxbury, Va., son of John T. Jefferson and Delores Whitehead. He served in the U. S. Army as a corporal during the Korean conflict. He is employed as a supervisor by Philip Morris, Inc.

ii. **MARY ELLEN,** b. 3 Jan. 1938, Stafford, Va. mar., 3 Jan. 1970, Stafford, Va., Phillip Lynn Tarrance, b. 12 June 1940 at Peacock, Texas, son of Roy Eric Tarrance and Linnie Lee Wilson. He is a U. S. Army veteran.

iii. **LILLIE MARIE,** b. 5 Jan. 1941, Stafford, Va., mar., 10 Dec. 1959, Stafford, Va., Thomas Wilson Mills, Jr., b. 10 Dec. 1937, Spotsylvania, Va., son of Thomas Wilson Mills and Julia Coakley.

iv. **ROBERTA LEE,** b. 29 Nov.

1944, Fredericksburg, Va., mar., 23 Sept. 1965, Richmond, Va., Harold Franklin Childers, b. 18 Dec. 1942 in Mecklenburg Co., Va., son of Leonard Franklin Childers and Cora Lee Caines. He served in the infantry in the U. S. Army.

The only child of Joyce Ann Wine[7] [Annie Rebecca Wigfield,[6] Ralph Parr,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and John Thomas Jefferson, Jr.:

i. **JANET LYNN,** b. 29 April 1957, Richmond, Va., mar. Mark Sinclair Campbell, b. 23 Dec. 1954, Richmond, Va., son of Arthur Von Campbell and Carolyn Sinclair.

The children of Mary Ellen Wine[7] (same ancestry as Joyce Ann, as above) and Phillip Lynn Tarrance:

i. **VICKI MICHELLE,** b. 15 June 1972 at Fort Worth, Texas.

ii. **DAWN LYNETTE,** b. 14 Sept. 1974 at Fort Worth, Texas.

The child of Lillie Marie Wine[7] (same ancestry as Joyce Ann, as above) and Thomas Wilson Mills, Jr.:

i. **THOMAS WILSON, III,** b. 15 Sept. 1961, Fredericksburg, Va., mar. 10 April 1981 at Norfolk, Va., Marsha Kathleen Briggs, b. 28 Sept. 1961, dau. of Edwin Briggs and Mary Plummer.

The child of Thomas Wilson Mills, III,[8] [Lillie Marie Wine,[7] Annie Rebecca Wigfield,[6] Ralph Parr,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Marsha Kathleen Briggs:

i. **TRENT THOMAS,** b. 28 Sept. 1982 at Charleston, S. C.

The children of Roberta Lee Wine[7] (same ancestry as Joyce Ann, as above) and Harold Franklin Childers:

i. **REBECCA ANN,** b. 10 Dec. 1975 at Richmond, Va.

ii. **LEONARD MORGAN,** b. 2 Nov. 1978 at Richmond, Va.

The children of Nelson Parr Wigfield[6] [Ralph Parr,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Alice Belle Wilson:

i. **JAMES NELSON,** b. 18 Sept. 1942, Fredericksburg, Va., mar., 15 March 1965 at Dillon, S. C., Patricia Marshall, b. 20 July 1946 at Radford, Va., dau. of Roger Howard Marshall and Margaret Eavey. James Nelson Wigfield is an engineer.

ii. **NANCY ELAINE,** b. 21 Oct. 1944, Fredericksburg, Va., mar. 6 March 1965 at Stafford, Va., Richard Allen Lowell, b. 20 Nov. 1944, New Orleans, La., son of Valna MacRandall and Ramona Elizabeth Lowell.

iii. **WILMA JEAN,** b. 11 Feb. 1949, Fredericksburg, Va., mar. Arthur C. Herring. It could not be learned if this couple have children.

The only child of James Nelson Wigfield[7] [Nelson Parr,[6] Ralph Parr,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Patricia Marshall:

i. **LUCAS JAMES,** b. 15 June 1958 at Williamsburg, Va.

The children of Nancy Elaine Wigfield[7] (same ancestry as James Nelson, as above) and Richard Allen Lowell:

i. **ROGER MORGAN,** b. 12 Dec. 1965 at Quantico, Va.

ii. **RONNIE MICHAEL,** b. 13 June 1968 at Fairhope, Alabama.

iii. **KENNETH BRIAN,** b. 28 Jan. 1972 at Fairhope, Alabama.

iv. **KRISTINA MICHELLE,** b. 4 Oct. 1975 at Foley, Alabama.

v. **JEFFREY ALLEN,** b. 29 April 1978 at Fairhope, Alabama.

The children of Mabel Lee Wigfield[5] [Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and James Ashton Brewer:

i. **JAMES LLOYD,** b. 29 Aug. 1905, Philadelphia, Pa., mar., 16 April 1927 at Media, Pa., Ruth Harriet Wilson, b. 3 Feb. 1909, Glenside, Pa., dau. of E. E. Wilson, (M.D.) and Gertrude Hetherington. He died 6 March 1979 in Mexico City, Mexico, and is buried in Ashville, N. C.

ii. **WARREN DANIEL,** b. 13 Oct. 1911, Philadelphia, Pa., mar. 28 Sept. 1931 at Philadelphia, Pa., Virginia Elizabeth Mayer, b. 5 Aug. 1914, Philadelphia, Pa., dau. of William Lawrence Mayer and Josephine Elizabeth Herbiceck.

The children of James Lloyd Brewer[6] [Mabel Lee Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Ruth Harriet Wilson:

i. **DONALD WILSON,** b. 27 Nov.

1928 at Abington, Pa., mar., 8 Aug. 1953 at Greenville, S. C., Patricia Susanne Allen, b. 3 Nov. 1930 at Sylva, N. C., dau. of Cary Walter Allen and Dorcas Fisher. He died 29 Nov. 1960 at Ashville, N. C. and is buried in that city. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army.

ii. **PATRICIA RUTH**, b. 16 Nov. 1929 at Fox Chase, Pa., mar., firstly, 4 Dec. 1948 at Hartwell, Ga., Gordon Sales Tomlinson, b. 19 Feb. 1927, Ashville, N. C., son of John Thomas Tomlinson and Esther Johnson. Secondly, she married on 19 April 1957 at Ashville, N. C., John Edmund Waller, Jr., b. 21 Jan. 1931, Ashville, N. C., son of John Edmund Waller and Willie Inez Johnson. He is a stock broker.

iii. **JAMES LLOYD, Jr.** b. 16 Aug. 1932, Decatur, Ala. He died 24 Aug. 1978 of a heart attack. He was not married.

The children of Donald Wilson Brewer[7] [James Lloyd Brewer,[6] Mabel Lee Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Patricia Susanne Allen:

i. **DONALD ALLEN**, b. 6 March 1954, Ashville, N. C., mar., 13 Nov. 1980, Dallas, Tx., Priscilla Lynn Dawson, b. 18 April 1959, Dallas, Tx., dau. of James Ralph Dawson and Betty B. Hamilton.

ii. **LAURA BETH**, b. 13 Sept. 1955 at Greenville, S. C., mar. 4 Jan. 1977, Greenville, S. C., Ronnie Fender, b. 22 Dec. 1946, Yancy Co., N. C., son of Chappel Fender and Nettie Wilson.

iii. **PATRICIA SUSANNE**, b. 26 Sept. 1957 at Greenville, S. C. She died in 1975 leaving no issue.

iv. **MICHAEL BYNAM,** b. 27 Dec. 1959 at Ashville, N. C.

The children of Donald Allen Brewer[8] [Donald Wilson Brewer,[7] James Lloyd Brewer,[6] Mabel Lee Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Priscilla Lynn Dawson:

i. **LAURA SUSANNE,** b. 5 May 1982 at Garland, Texas.

ii. **DONALD WOLFE,** b. 26 Aug. 1984 at Dallas, Texas.

The children of Laura Beth Brewer[8] (same ancestry as Donald Allen, as above) and Ronnie Fender:

i. **JAMES PATRICK TRENTON,** b. 30 Oct. 1977, Ashville, N. C.

ii. **TRAVIS GRANT,** b. 20 Feb. 1984, Ashville, N. C.

The children of Patricia Ruth Brewer[7] (same ancestry as Donald Wilson, as above) and Gordon Sales Tomlinson:

i. **BARBARA HOLLY,** b. 28 Oct. 1949, Candler, N. C., mar. 5 June 1982, Ashville, N. C., Gary Dean Scheve, b. 9 April 1944 at Battle Creek, Nebraska, son of Alvin Otto Scheve and Adelaide Freudenburg. He is an airline pilot and she is a flight attendant.

ii. **MERRY LESLIE,** b. 29 March 1951, Candler, N. C., mar., 8 Aug. 1979, Kingsport, Tn., Richard Edwin Hopson, b. 25 Aug. 1940 at Banner Elk, N. C., son of Robe Miller Hopson and Gladys Blackwell. He is an attorney-at-law and she is a teacher.

iii. **JOHN LLOYD,** b. 4 Feb. 1952, Candler, N. C., mar., 24 Nov., 1979, Reedsville, Wisc., Portia Eileen Schultz, b. 29 May 1955, Reedsville, Wisc., dau. of Philip Carl Schultz and Delores Harms. He is an assistant hospital administrator.

The children of Barbara Holly Tomlinson[8] [Patricia Ruth Brewer,[7] James Lloyd Brewer,[6] Mabel Lee Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Gary Dean Scheve:

i. **ANN PARR,** b. 20 Feb. 1983 at Atlanta, Ga.

ii. **EDWARD JOSEPH,** b. 30 May 1984 at Atlanta, Ga.

The child of Merry Leslie Tomlinson[8] (same ancestry as Barbara Holly, as above) and Richard Edwin Hopson:

i. **HOLLY ELIZABETH,** b. 5 Sept. 1980 at Kingsport, Tn.

The children of John Lloyd Tomlinson[8] (same ancestry as Barbara Holly, as above) and Portia Eileen Schultz:

i. **MATTHEW PHILIP,** b. 24 Aug. 1982 at Ashville, N. C.

ii. **ELIZABETH ERIN,** b. 31 May 1984 at Ashville, N. C.

The children of Patricia Ruth Brewer[7] (ancestry previously stated) and John Edmund Waller, Jr.:

i. **RUTH ALICE,** b. 22 Oct. 1958, Kingsport, Tn., mar., 29 Feb. 1980 at Adana, Turkey, Randal Bruce Lord, b. 30 Nov.

1958, Lakeland, Florida, son of John Ray Lord, Jr. and Martha Jeanne Lavender. He is an engineer.

ii. **CHRISTIE ANN,** b. 25 Dec. 1959 at Kingsport, Tn., mar., 21 Dec. 1984 at Green Bay, Wisc., Mark Steven Brunette, b. 8 Oct. 1957 at Green Bay, Wisc., son of Alden Gerald Brunette and Marilyn Ouellette. He is a student.

The children of Ruth Alice Waller[8] [Patricia Ruth Brewer,[7] James Lloyd Brewer,[6] Mabel Lee Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Randal Bruce Lord:

i. **JULIANNA NICHOLE,** b. 2 Jan. 1981 at Warner Robbins, Ga.

ii. **EMILY TATUM,** b. 2 Aug. 1983 at Ashville, N. C.

The children of Warren Daniel Brewer[6] [Mabel Lee Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Virginia Elizabeth Mayer:

i. **BEATRICE BEVERLY,** b. 27 Sept. 1936, Philadelphia, Pa., mar., 28 Aug. 1956, Philadelphia, Pa., Herbert Lee Weinman, b. 7 Sept. 1933, New York, N. Y., son of Herbert Albert Weinman and Helen Preizner.

ii. **CONSTANCE ANNETTE,** b. 7 July 1941, Marion, Va., mar., firstly, in 1963 at Perkasfe, Pa., Phil Kulp, secondly, in 1969 at Sauderton, Pa., Ernest Ray Clemens, thirdly, in April 1980, in Honolulu, Hawaii, John Gano and fourthly, on 22 Dec. 1984 at St. Petersburg, Fl., Gene Mullinix, There was no issue of the first and third marriages and there has been none of the fourth.

iii. **WENDY ELIZABETH**, b. 15 Oct. 1950, Philadelphia, P., mar., 26 Dec. 1970, Sauderton, Pa., Leslie David Harpel, b. 9 Nov. 1948, Sellersville, Pa., son of Howard and Mae Harpel.

iv. **WARREN DANIEL, Jr.**, b. 23 Sept., 1952, Philadelphia, Pa., mar., 21 July 1973, Hagersville, Pa., Joanne T. Groff, b., 11 Dec., 1955, Sellersville, Pa., dau. of Stanley A. Groff and Trudell Blank. There has been no issue.

The children of Beatrice Beverly Brewer[7] [Warren Daniel Brewer,[6] Mabel Lee Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Herbert Lee Weinman:

i. **KAREN LYNN**, b. 8 May 1958, Las Cruces, N. M., mar., 19 March 1983, San Jose, Ca., Steven Terrill Trolan, b. 9 Oct. 1958, son of Rice Terrill Trolan and Elizabeth Lee. There has been no issue.

ii. **CURTIS LEE**, b. 9 May 1963 at San Jose, Ca. He is unmarried.

The children of Constance Annette Brewer[7] (same ancestry as Beatrice Beverly, as above) and Ernest Ray Clemens:

i. **CRYSTALYNN**, b. 17 Jan. 1971 at Lansdale, Pa.

ii. **KIMBERLY ANN**, b. 17 Jan. 1973 at Lansdale, Pa.

The children of Wendy Elizabeth Brewer[7] (same ancestry as Beatrice Beverly, as above) and Leslie David Harpel:

i. **HEATHER ELIZABETH**, b. 20 Aug. 1977 at Biloxi, Miss.

ii. **CHAD DAVID,** b. 21 April 1980 at Honolulu, Hawaii.

The children of Effie Julia Wigfield[5] [Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and John Ashton Bradshaw:

i. **JOHN DOUGLAS,** b. 20 Nov. 1911, Stafford Co., Va., mar., 9 Oct. 1935, Washington, D. C., Alcena Lamond White, b. 11 Feb. 1913, Washington, D. C., dau. of William LaRue White and Mary Maude Lamond. He is a lawyer, a graduate of George Washington Univ. Law School (JD 1934) and member of the bars of the District of Columbia, State of Maryland and of the U. S. Supreme Court. He served as an elected member of the County Council of Montgomery County, Md., of the Maryland House of Delegates and of the Constitutional Convention of Maryland (1967). In World War II he served in the European Theater as an officer in the U. S. Navy.

ii. **CHARLES WALLACE,** b. 1913 and died in infancy.

iii. **VERA CATHERINE,** b. 25 Nov. 1914, Stafford Co., Va., mar., firstly, Norman Franklin Adams, b. in 1906 and who died in 1956 at Charlottesville, Va., secondly, William George Sieg, b. 18 April 1906, Detroit, Mich., died 30 Jan. 1968, Seattle, Wash. He was a dentist. Thirdly, she married on 7 Nov. 1972 at Juneau, Alaska, Gilbert Smith, b. 9 Nov. 1911 at Jacksonville, Ill. He is an artist. She is a graduate of the Univ. of Va. School of Nursing (RN) and Simmons College (BS). She is a veteran of World War II, having served in the Army Nurses Corps. There was no issue of any of the marriages.

iv. **ROBERT MORRIS,** b. 14 July

1916, Stafford Co., Va., mar. 16 Dec. 1939, Hyattsville, Md., Geraldine Ruth Turner, b. 9 March 1915, Clearfield, Pa., dau. of Wright Ellis Turner and Dora Ida Kyler. He is a retired real estate broker and home builder.

v. **EDWARD MARSHALL,** b. 10 Nov. 1919, Stafford Co., Va. He died 10 Nov. 1940, Stafford Co., Va. and is buried in the National Cemetery, Fredericksburg, Va. He was a seaman in the U. S. Navy and was unmarried.

The children of John Douglas Bradshaw[6] [Effie Julia Wigfield[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Alcena Lamond White:

i. **JOHN DOUGLAS, Jr.,** b. 9 Feb. 1942, Washington, D. C., died 21 May 1948 at Takoma Park, Md. and is buried in Rock Creek Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

ii. [unnamed male twin of John Douglas, Jr.] He died 11 Feb. 1942.

iii. **JOHN ROBERT,** b. 11 July 1954, Washington, D. C., mar., 4 March 1983 at Crofton, Md,, Anne Elizabeth Burns, b. 1 July 1954, Philadelphia, Pa., dau. of Raymond Joseph Burns and Nancy Jean Anderson. He graduated from St. Francis Preparatory School. He graduated from Lynchburg College in 1976 with a BA degree in Political Economy and from Central Michigan University in 1982 with a MA degree in Business Management. He is engaged in the office furniture business. She is a graduate of the University of Kentucky, having earned a BS degree in Dietetics in 1977.

iv. **EDWARD WINGFIELD,** b. 7 April 1959, Washington, D. C. He is a

graduate of Randolph-Macon Academy, Front Royal, Va. and of Lynchburg College (BA in History). He is an Account Executive with E. F. Hutton & Co., stock brokers. He is unmarried.

The only child of John Robert Bradshaw[7] [John Douglas Bradshaw,[6] Effie Julia Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Anne Elizabeth Burns:

i. **MEGHAN AILEEN**, b. 21 Sept. 1984 at Annapolis, Md.

The children of Robert Morris Bradshaw[6] [Effie Julia Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Geraldine Ruth Turner:

i. **CAROL ANN**, b. 1 May 1942, Washington, D. C., mar. 24 June 1961 at Mount Rainier, Md., George Eugene Stembridge, b. 27 Sept. 1936 in Georgia, son of Joel and Catherine Stembridge. She graduated from Clemson University in 1974 with a BS degree. He graduated from Clemson University in 1958 with a BS degree and in 1959 he was awarded a MS degree from the same school. In 1961 he was awarded a PhD degree by the University of Maryland. He is a former professor at Clemson University and now is an orchardist.

ii. **SANDRA LEE**, b. 1 June 1946, Riverdale, Md., mar., firstly, on 20 June 1966 at Riverdale, Md., Dennis Forest Gaines, and secondly, on 21 Sept., 1972, at Crestview, Florida, Marshall Rufus Hayes, Jr., b. 2 June 1943 at Milton, Florida, son of Marshall Rufus Hayes and Mary Watson. She was graduated from Florida Southern College in 1967 with a BA degree and from the University of West Florida in 1972 with a MA degree. He is a rancher and she is a school

administrator.

The children of Carol Ann Bradshaw[7] [Robert Morris Bradshaw,[6] Effie Julia Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and George Eugene Stembridge:

i. **ROBERT EUGENE,** b. 20 Dec. 1963 in Mass. He is a student at Clemson University.

ii. **SARA ANN,** b. 30 Jan. 1969, South Carolina. She is a student.

The children of Sandra Lee Bradshaw[7] (same ancestry as Carol Ann, as above) and Marshall Rufus Hayes, Jr.:

i. **MARSHALL RUFUS, III,** b. 21 March 1974 at Milton, Florida.

ii. **ROBERT CLAY,** b. 22 Jan. 1981 at Milton, Florida.

The children of Isaac Canter Wigfield[5] [Douglas Nelson Wigfield,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Olive Jeanette Curtis:

i. **HELEN CURTIS,** b. 31 Aug. 1918, Roseville, Stafford Co., Va., mar. 4 April 1946 at Miami, Florida, William Carey Moore, Jr. b. 27 Dec. 1921, Sylvania, Ga., son of William Carey Moore and Gladys Bolton.

ii. **MARGERY MAY,** b. 11 Dec. 1921, Roseville, Stafford Co., Va., mar. in 1942, Washington, D. C., John William Procter. She died 2 Dec. 1978, Fairfax Co., Va. and is buried in the National Memorial Park Cemetery, Falls Church, Va. There was no issue.

The children of Helen Curtis Wigfield[6] [Isaac Canter,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and William Carey Moore, Jr.:

i. **DAVID CARY**, b. 29 Jan. 1947, Miami, Fl., mar., 27 March 1970, Miami, Fl., Diana Brigham Scott, b. 10 March 1948, Lander, Wyoming, dau. of Ralph and Catherine Scott. He is a veteran of the Viet Nam War.

ii. **DEBORAH KATHLEEN**, b. 21 Oct. 1948, Miami, Fl., mar. 1965, Miami, Fl., William Mellon. She died 16 Jan. 1975.

The children of David Cary Moore[7] [Helen Curtis Wigfield,[6] Isaac Canter,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Diana Brigham Scott:

i. **REBEKAH LYNN**, b. 23 April 1973 at Miami, Florida.

ii. **ELENA LEAH**, b. 14 Sept. 1976 at Oak Ridge, Tenn.

The only child of Annie Fray Wigfield[5] [Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Arthur Avent Duguid:

i. **VIRGINIA CAROLINE**, b. 13 Dec. 1914, Washington, D. C., mar., 23 Sept. 1939, Philadelphia, Pa., Edward Henry Vonderweidt, Jr., son of Edward Henry Vonderweidt and Elsa Gropner.

The children of Virginia Caroline Duguid[6] [Annie Fray Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1] and Edward Henry Vonderweidt, Jr.:

i. **JOYCE CAROL**, b. 17 July 1940, Philadelphia, Pa., mar., 23 Nov. 1962,

Philadelphia, Pa., John William Stamat, Jr., b. 9 Feb. 1939, Philadelphia, Pa., son of John William Stamat and Marie Lutz. He is a chemical engineer.

ii. **VIRGINIA GAIL,** b. 8 April 1943, Philadelphia, Pa., mar., firstly, in 1962, Robert Charles Crock, b. 16 Oct. 1942 and secondly, on 22 Jan. 1971 at Philadelphia, Pa., James Jackson Bird, b. 22 Jan. 1942, Scranton, Pa., son of William Frank Bird and Elizabeth Susie Jackson. He is a veteran of the U. S. Navy and is employed by Management Financial Systems. She is a graphics designer. There was no issue from her first marriage.

The children of Joyce Carol Vonderweidt[7] [Virginia Caroline Duguid,[6] Annie Fray Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and John William Stamat, Jr.:

i. **JOHN JEFFREY,** b. 15 Nov. 1963 at Philadelphia, Pa.

ii. **JOCELYN CAROL,** b. 10 Jan. 1969 at Baltimore, Md.

The only child of Virginia Gail Vonderweidt[7] (same ancestry as Joyce Carol, as above) and James Jackson Bird:

i. **CARRIE,** b. 2 Oct. 1973 at Philadelphia, Pa.

The children of Emma Rebecca Wigfield[5] [Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Jesse Lee Bonapart Curtis:

i. **ARTHUR LEE,** b. 12 July 1918, Stafford Co., Va., mar., 14 July 1944 at Lawrenceville, Va., Helen Rebecca Michael,

b. 23 Oct. 1923, Lawrenceville, Va., dau. of Waddie Michael and Stella Browder. He is a graduate of V.P.I., having earned a BS degree in Agronomy.

ii. **ANNIE REBECCA**, b. 26 Sept. 1919, Hartwood, Stafford Co., Va., mar. 5 Jan. 1942, Trion, Ga., Billy Rufus Moses, b. 7 May 1919, Chatham, Va., son of A. B. Moses and Bessie Hodnet. He is a graduate of V.P.I., having earned a BS degree in Geology. He served in the 45th. Division of the U. S. Army in World War II. She also is a graduate of V.P.I., having earned a BS degree in Home Economics.

iii. **FREDERICK EUSTON**, b. 16 Dec. 1920, Stafford Co., Va. He is totally disabled as a result of injuries suffered while serving in the U. S. Army during World War II. He is unmarried.

iv. **REGINALD JESSE**, b. 24 April 1022, Stafford Co., Va., mar., 8 Jan. 1944, Fredericksburg, Va., Rachel Marie Payne, b. 11 March 1923, Stafford Co., Va., dau. of Atwood Joseph Payne and Nellie M. Armstrong. He is a U. S. Army veteran of World War II and is retired from U. S. government service.

v. **HUGH DOUGLAS**, b. 23 Aug. 1923, Stafford Co., Va. and died there of pneumonia 31 March 1924.

vi. **ROBERT ANDERSON WINGFIELD**, b. 20 July 1926, Stafford Co., Va., mar., 15 Jan. 1948, Fredericksburg, Va., Elsie Mae Pemberton, b. 28 Nov. 1929, Orange Co., Va., dau. of Thomas E. Pemberton and Hellene Golay. He is engaged in the real estate business.

vii. ENOCH NELSON, b. 22 Sept. 1928, Stafford Co., Va., mar., 24 Sept. 1947 at Fredericksburg, Va., Gertrude Irene Raines, b. 4 Sept. 1929, dau. of Floyd R. Raines and Agnes Harris. He is engaged in the trucking business.

viii. THOMAS JACKSON, b. 26 Oct. 1930, Stafford Co., Va., mar., 21 April 1956, Fauquier Co., Va., Mary Elizabeth Cox, b. 18 Dec. 1930, Fauquier Co., Va. He served in the U. S. Air Force.

ix. CARLISLE BANE, b. 12 March 1932, Stafford Co., Va., mar. at Falmouth, Stafford Co., Va., Zelma Agnes English, b. 12 May 1933, Stafford Co., Va., dau. of Henry English and Ruth Wine. He is in the trucking business.

x. (unnamed male) b. 8 April 1933, and died the same day.

xi. (unnamed male) b. 8 April 1933, and died the same day. (twin of above).

xii. CATHERINE EMMA, b. 15 May 1934, Stafford Co., Va., mar., 1 Aug. 1952 at Shawneetown, Ill., Fred Carthage Prince, b. 27 Nov. 1931, Caroline Co., Va., son of Fred Noble Prince and Ollie Middlebrook. She is a graduate of the University of Pittsburg, having earned a BS degree in Home Economics. He is a graduate of V.P.I. and has a BS degree in Engineering. He is a nuclear engineer and she is a teacher.

xiii. WILLIAM HENRY, b. 22 Oct. 1935 and died of pneumonia 31 March 1936.

xiv. CLARENCE CARLIN, b. 7 April 1937, Stafford Co., Va., mar. 17 June 1960, Remington, Va., Jean Carol Shipp, b. 1

Oct. 1940 at Chula, Amelia Co., Va., dau. of Hilton E. Shipp and Margie Key. He is in the trucking business.

xv. **GRACE LOU,** b. 5 Aug. 1939, Stafford Co., Va., mar. 6 July 1957 at Elizabeth City, N. C., James Clinton Hodges, son of Mosure and Alma S. Hodges.

xvi. **JAMES WALLACE,** b. 18 June 1943, Stafford Co., Va., mar., 3 April 1965 at Elkton, Md., Melba Ann Bowman, b. 4 Nov. 1944 at W. Nottingham Township, Pa., dau. of James Parson and Etta Mae Bowman. He is in the trucking business.

The only child of Arthur Lee Curtis[6] [Emma Rebecca Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Helen Rebecca Michael:

i. **ARTHUR LEE, Jr.,** b. 29 March 1945, Portsmouth, Va., mar., 30 June 1973, Colonial Heights, Va., Linda Susie Waggie, b. 8 Feb. 1952, Upland, Pa., dau. of Guy Waggie and Mary Ernst. He served in the U. S. Air Force, 1968-72.

The children of Arthur Lee Curtis, Jr.[7] [Arthur Lee Curtis,[6] Emma Rebecca Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Linda Susie Waggie:

i. **VALORIE DIANE,** b. 11 June 1976, Richmond, Va.

ii. **ARTHUR LEE, III,** b. 14 May 1978, Macon, Ga.

The children of Annie Rebecca Curtis[6] (same ancestry as Arthur Lee, as above) and Billy Rufus Moses:

i. **BECKIE ANN,** b. 1 Aug. 1954, Oklahoma City, Ok. (adopted).

ii. **WILLIAM RAEMOND,** b. 25 Dec. 1955, Oklahoma City, Ok., mar., 17 July 1982, Woodlands, Texas, Lisa Dolleyne Francis, b. 7 Jan. 1959, Gainsville, Texas, dau. of S. M. Francis and Inalu Barnes. (adopted). He is a musician.

iii. **LYNDA KAROL,** b. 14 June 1958, Oklahoma City, Ok., mar., 15 May 1982, at Houston, Texas, George Evagelon Kavalon, b. 18 June 1953 at Athens, Greece, son of Evagelon Kavalon and Theodora Karvela.

The children of Reginald Jesse Curtis[6] (same ancestry as Arthur Lee, as above) and Rachel Marie Payne:

i. **PATRICIA DARLENE,** b. 21 March 1947, Fredericksburg, Va., mar., firstly, on 31 Aug., 1967 at Tarboro, N. C, William Gerald Dark, b. 2 July 1944, Highland Park, Mich., son of Albert Gerald Dark and Esther Nadine Gordon. Secondly, she married on 6 Oct. 1978, at Fredericksburg, Va., Steven D. Johnson, b. 23 April 1945, Danville, Va., son of Benjamin Franklin Johnson and Dorothy Mae Smith. There has been no issue from the second marriage.

ii. **STEPHEN FREDERICK,** b. 27 March 1954 at Fredericksburg, Va. He is unmarried.

The only child of Patricia Darlene Curtis[7] [Reginald Jesse Curtis,[6] Emma Rebecca Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and William Gerald Dark:

i. **TERESA ANNE,** b. 19 June 1968 at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

The children of Robert Anderson Wingfield Curtis[6] (same ancestry as Arthur Lee, as above) and Elsie Mae Pemberton:

i. **JANET CAROL,** b. 4 Dec. 1951, Fredericksburg, Va., mar., 3 June 1972, Fredericksburg, Va., Kenneth W. Stone, b. 13 Nov. 1952, Fredericksburg, Va. She died 25 Dec. 1972 at Fredericksburg, Va. and is buried there in the Sunset Memorial Park Cem. There was no issue of the marriage.

ii. **CATHY ANN,** b. 24 Nov. 1959, Fredericksburg, Va., mar., 5 Aug. 1978, Fredericksburg, Va., Michael Wood, b. 29 Dec., 1958, Loudon Co., Va., son of Charles Linden Wood and Nancy M. Paxton. Cathy Ann Wood is a graduate of Mary Washington College with a BS degree in Business Administration. She is a computer scientist.

The only child of Cathy Ann Curtis[7] [Robert Anderson Wingfield Curtis,[6] Emma Rebecca Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Michael Wood:

i. **MICHELLE LYNN,** b. 10 March 1983, Fredericksburg, Va.

The children of Enoch Nelson Curtis[6] (same ancestry as Arthur Lee, as above) and Gertrude Irene Raines:

i. **FLOYD LEE,** b. 30 April 1948, Fredericksburg, Va. He is a graduate of William and Mary College having earned both a BA and a MA degree. He is a candidate for a PhD degree. He is unmarried.

ii. **WAYNE NELSON,** b. 28 April 1960, Fredericksburg, Va. He is a graduate

of William and Mary College, having earned the BA and MA degrees and currently is a candidate for a PhD degree. He is unmarried.

The children of Thomas Jackson Curtis[6] (same ancestry as Arthur Lee, as above) and Mary Elizabeth Cox:

i. **BRENDA ANNE,** b. 1 April 1965 at Richmond, Va. She is a student at Mary Washington College and is unmarried.

ii. **SHERRI LYNN,** b. 17 May 1968 at Richmond, Va.

The children of Carlisle Bane Curtis[6] (same ancestry as Arthur Lee, as above) and Zelma Agnes English:

i. **LARRY BANE,** b. 26 Oct. 1952, Fredericksburg, Va., mar., 14 Sept. 1974, Newark, Del., Colleen Marie Glennon, b. 5 Aug. 1955, Boston, Mass., dau. of William Alfred Glennon and Ann J. Fay.

ii. **MONETTE REBECCA,** b. 5 March 1954, Fredericksburg, Va., mar., firstly, 19 May 1974, Edward Curtis Hill, b. 22 July 1954, Lewisburg, W. Va. Secondly, she married 25 May 1978, William Jefferes Lank, b. 21 Oct. 1950 at Wilmington, Del. There is no issue of either marriage.

iii. **DARRELL WAYNE,** b. 31 March 1957, Fredericksburg, Va., mar., 27 May 1978, Newark, Del., Mary Beth Moser, b. 16 May 1968, Chester, Pa., dau. of Howard Louis Moser, Sr. and Helen Marie Jones.

The children of Larry Bane Curtis[7] [Carlisle Bane Curtis,[6] Emma Rebecca Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson, [4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Colleen Marie Glennon:

i. **LEE DEWEY,** 2 Aug. 1981 at Wilmington, Del.

ii. **DANIEL PATRICK,** b. 19 Oct. 1082 at Wilmington, Del.

The only child of Darrell Wayne Curtis[7] (same ancestry as Larry Bane, as above) and Mary Beth Mozer:

i. **KYLE CHRISTOPHER BANE,** b. 6 April 1982 at Elkton, Md.

The children of Catherine Emma Curtis[6] (same ancestry as Arthur Lee, as above) and Fred Carthage Prince:

i. **ROSS DOUGLAS,** b. 23 June 1963 at Pittsburg, Pa. He attended Southern Technical College, Marietta, Ga. and the J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College. He is adopted.

ii. **NATALIE CAROL,** b. 11 June 1965 at Pittsburg, Pa. She is adopted.

The children of Grace Lou Curtis[6] (same ancestry as Arthur Lee, as above) and James Clinton Hodges:

i. **REBECCA SUE,** b. 5 March 1958 at Elkton, Md. She is unmarried.

ii. **JAMES CLINTON, Jr.,** b. 26 Jan. 1959 at Elkton, Md., mar. 3 March 1984 at Stafford Co., Va., Lisa Anne Blessing, b. 12 March 1965, dau. of David C. Blessing and Georgeanne Worden.

iii. **MELODY ANN** b. 10 Dec. 1960,, Fredericksburg, Va., mar. 20 Aug. 1978 at Goldvein, Va., Donald Russell Lloyd, b. 11 July 1955, Washington, D. C.

iv. **JESSE LEE,** b. 29 Jan. 1962 at Fredericksburg, Va. He is unmarried.

The only child of James Clinton Hodges, Jr.[7] [Grace Lou Curtis,[6] Emma Rebecca Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]]and Lisa Anne Blessing:

i. **AMANDA LYNNE,** b. 28 May 1984 at Fredericksburg, Va.

The only child of Melody Ann Hodges[7] (same ancestry as James Clinton, Jr., as above) and Donald Russell Lloyd:

i. **DONALD RUSSELL, Jr.** b. 14 July 1979 at Fredericksburg, Va.

The children of James Wallace Curtis[6] (same ancestry as Arthur Lee, as above) and Melba Ann Bowman:

i. **STEVE WAYNE,** b. 5 June 1964 at Elkton, Md., mar. 7 Jan. 1984, Fredericksburg, Va., Jennifer A. Grinnan, b. 2 Feb. 1965, Fredericksburg, Va., dau. of Charles S. Grinnan and Margret Enders. There has been no issue of this marriage.

ii. **SANDRA LEE,** b. 2 Dec. 1965, Fredericksburg, Va., mar. 29 Jan. 1983, Robert Merrill Watson, b. 14 Feb. 1964, Sioux City, Iowa, son of Richard Watson and Janene Coffie.

iii. **ROGER LEE,** b. 6 Aug. 1968 at Fredericksburg, Va.

The only child of Sandra Lee Curtis[7] [James Wallace Curtis,[6] Emma Rebecca Wigfield,[5] Douglas Nelson,[4] Thomas S.,[3] John J.,[2] Thomas[1]] and Robert Merrill Watson:

i. **CRYSTAL LEE**, b. 27 June 1982 at Fredericksburg, Va.

NOTES & REFERENCES

1. Deed Book 72 Page 254, Fauquier Co., Va. Deed dated 1 Jan. 1882.

2. Deed Book 2 Page 174, Stafford Co., Va. Deed dated 31 Oct. 1883.

3. August Rules 1887, Stafford Co., Va., Clerks Office (File Box 7).

4. Deed Book 4 Page 435, Stafford Cp., Va. deed records, by William A. Littel, Trustee, conveying 287 Acres of land of D. N. Wigfield and Dora L. Wigfield to A. Mason Curtis. Deed was recorded 8 Sept. 1890.

5. Deed Book 9 Page 601, Stafford Co., Va.

"All human beings, not utterly savage, long for some information about past times." T. B. Macauley (1800-1859)

P A R T T H R E E

CHAPTER XI

Ann E. Nelson was born 20 Nov. 1817 in Fauquier Co., Va., the ninth of eleven children of John B. Nelson and Cynthia Ann "Cindy" Withers. It was the year the construction of the Erie Canal was commenced. The year before her birth, James Monroe and Daniel D. Tompkins had been elected President and Vice President, respectively, on the Democratic-Republican ticket.

She and Thomas Smith Wigfield were married in Fauquier Co., Va. 12 January 1835. At the time of their marriage she was 17 and he 21 years of age.

She was the grand daughter of Joseph Nelson (1750-1837) and Catherine Obannon of Fauquier Co., and the great grand daughter of John Nelson, Sr. (1710-1791) and Mary Toby of Stafford Co., Va.

Some family members have claimed that John Nelson, Sr., was a descendant of Thomas Nelson (1738-1789) the signer of the Declaration of Independence. Others make a claim of descent from the signer's uncle, Thomas Nelson, called "The Secretary", (1715-1787). There is no basis whatsoever for any such claims inasmuch as John Nelson, Sr. was born prior to the birth of either of these men.

There were many early Nelson immigrants to the Colony of Virginia, some about which nothing is known. Seven John Nelsons are known to have arrived in the Tidewater sections of Virginia and the Carolinas during

the Colonial period. Also during the same period, six John Nelsons migrated to Maryland. Some early Nelson immigrants to the Virginia Colony were: George Nelson, James Citie in 1623, John Nelson to Charles River in 1636, Mathew Nelson to Chickahominy River in 1639, Henry Nelson to Isle of Wight Co. in 1641, George Nelson to Northampton Co. in 1649, Prevost Nelson to Lancaster Co. in 1653 and Francis Nelson to Charles City Co. in 1656.

As proof that there were numerous Nelson families in America at the commencement of the Revolutionary War, consider that there were 580 Nelsons who served in that war, at least 40 of whom were from Virginia.

In her book "Descendants of John Nelson, Sr. & Mary Toby, Stafford County, Va." (1961), Olive Nelson Gibson, says "John Nelson, Sr. of Stafford Co., Va. was from the old line of British Isle Nelsons. He and the many other Nelsons from the same line of the ancient lineage and of common ancestry aided in the progress of the nation". She offered no proof of her statement and went on to say that although she had conducted extensive research, she had not been able to determine the names of his parents. She suggests the possibility that John Nelson, Sr. may have had his origin in Maryland, pointing out that it is likely that his wife's family (the Tobys) also came from that state. In any event, John Nelson, Sr. and Mary Toby were married in Stafford County, Va., 10 Feb. 1741 and their marriage is so recorded in The Register of Overwharton Parish.

Also recorded in the same Register is the marriage on 7 Dec. 1745 of John Nelson and Sarah Whitson. The birth of several of this couples children likewise is recorded in that

Register. Having the same name and living in the same county, and indeed within five miles of each other, these men had an identity problem. A solution seems to have resulted when the John Nelson, who had married Mary Toby, came to be known as "John Nelson, Senr." (likely because he was the elder of the two) and the John Nelson who married Sarah Whitson, came to be known as "John Nelson, Senr. of Elk Run", no doubt because of the location of his farm. This John Nelson was a son of Henry Nelson, Senr. of Stafford County, Va. whose will, dated 30 Nov. 1749, was admitted to probate 10 April 1750 and recorded in Will Book "O" page 94 of that county. The will of John Nelson, Senr. of Elk Run was dated 9 Aug. 1784 and was admitted to probate in Fauquier Co., Va. 25 Oct., 1784 and is recorded in Will Book 2 page 46.

As recorded in the Northern Neck Grants made by Lord Fairfax as recorded in Book F page 241 (1742-1745), John Nelson, (Senr.), blacksmith, purchased 131 acres of waste and ungranted lands bordering the lands of Joseph Wood, at and for a fee of one shilling sterling for every 50 acres of such land.

John Nelson, Sr. leased land on 27 Sept. 1749 in Prince William Co., Va., from Joseph Wood of the same county. (Book L, page 242, Prince William Co. Land Records.) The land was located in Hamilton Parish which later, in 1759, became a part of Fauquier Co. The land consisted of 167 acres and 120 poles and was situated on the branches of Town Run. It was the same land granted to Joseph Wood by the proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia by patent bearing date "....the 20th. day of May in the 11th. year of the reign of our Soverign Lord, George of Great Britain, and in the year of our Lord God 1725

..... to hold for a full term of one whole year, yielding the rent of one ear of Indian corn at the feast of Saint Michael, the Archangel only if the same shall be lawfully demanded."

On 25 Sept. 1749, the same day he executed the lease, Wood made a release to John Nelson (Book L page 244) for a consideration of 23 pounds, which had the effect of giving John a fee simple title. The transfer by the Proprietor to Joseph Wood in 1725 was made prior to the creation of Prince William County in 1731, at which time the land was in Stafford. This land, together with the adjoining 131 acre parcel previously acquired by grant from Lord Fairfax, created a farm of 298 acres.

It seems likely that John Nelson occupied this farm which was located in Hamilton Parish, Fauquier Co., Va. until his death in 1791. His will was dated 22 March 1791 and proven in the Fauquier Co., Court 26 Dec. 1791 and is recorded in Will Book 2 page 210. Mary Nelson, his widow, William Phillips of Stafford County and Garrett Gray, Jr. were named as executors.

The Will of John Nelson, Sr. is copied in full as follows:

"In the name of God amen. I, John Nelson, Senr. of the County of Fauquier and State of Virginia, being weak in body but of a sound and disposing mind, of what it hath pleased God to bless me with, and therefore I do make and ordain this to be my Last Will and Testament in manner and form as followeth:

"Item. Land to my beloved wife Mary Nelson during her life, my land and

plantation, and together with that and all and every other of my Estate both Real and Personal, to be by her enjoyed during her life, she paying all my Debts.

"Item. It is my will that after the death of my wife that my Executors herein after mentioned, do set up and sell to the highest bidder, allowing the credit of twelve months and taking Bond, or Bonds with a Proved Security, all my Land and Plantation and every other of all of my estate, and the money arising therefrom to be divided into five equal parts and paid out as followeth, that is to say, one fifth part to go to the two daughters of James Nelson, Decd., Catherine Horton and Elizabeth Green, which said fifth part is to be divided equally between them as Heirs of said James Nelson, Decd, to them and to their heirs forever. Also, one fifth part to be paid unto Hannah James, wife of Thomas James, which said fifth part I give to her and to her heirs forever. Also, I give one fifth part to Mary Nelson, widow of John Nelson, Junr., Decd., which I give to her and to her heirs forever. Also, I give and bequeath unto Thomas Nelson, my son, one fifth part to him and his heirs forever. Also, I give and bequeath unto my son, Joseph Nelson, one fifth part, which I give to him and his heirs forever.

"And Lastly, I constitute and appoint my Beloved Wife, Mary Nelson, and with her, William Phillips of Stafford County and Garrett Gray, Junr., Executors of this my Last Will and Testament, disapproving of all other wills before made by me, Declaring this to be my Last Will and Testament in Witness

"Whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd. day of March 1771.

John Nelson

"Signed and Sealed in the
presence of us.

Original Young
John Green
Elizabeth (X) James"

At a Court held for Fauquier County the 26th. day of December 1791, this Will was proven by the oaths of Original Young, John Green and Elizabeth James, Witnsses thereto and ordered to be Recorded. And, on the motion of Garrett Gray and Mary Nelson, the Executors therein named, who made oath and Executed and acknowledged bond as the law directs, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste

H. Brooke, CC

The Court appointed Original Young, John Mauzy and Benjamin Payne as appraiser of the personal estate and their Inventory and Appraisal was recorded on 27 Jan. 1793 in Will Book 2 page 253 and it is set forth, in part, as follows:

In obedience to an order of this Worshipful Court of Fauquier County to us directed, we Original Young, John Mauzy and Benjamin Payne, have appraised the Estate of John Nelson, Sr., decd., as herewith:

1	Negro fellow named Arch	L80	0	0
1	Horse of 6 years old	7	0	0
1	colt of 1 year old	2	0	0
5	sheep	2	0	0
2	cows & 2 yearlings	5	0	0
1	3 year old Heifer	3	0	0

3	sows and 12 pigs	2	1	0
14	pewter plates	1	0	0
2	lg. pewter Dishes & 2 small ds.	0	17	0
7	pewter basons	1	0	0
1	doz Pewter Spoons & 1 soup Dh.	0	5	0
1	Pewter Tankard 2 small basons & 1 salt stand 2 small Tins	0	5	0
1	Earthen Bowl 2 Flat Irons & a brass holder for them	0	7	0
1	Copper Tea Kettle & Stand 1 Pewter plate 1 Copper Coffee Pot	0	15	0
1	Brass Spice Mortor 1 flesh fork & 2 Iron Saddles & handles	0	7	6
2	Large Iron Pots 2 Small Iron Pots	1	11	0
1	Dutch Oven 1 Gridiron 3 Iron Pot racks 2 fire Dogs 1 Frying Pan	1	5	0
1	Fire Shovel 2 Fire Tongs 1 iron Poker 6 Knives & Forks	0	12	0
1	Butcher Knife 3 Wooden Trays 1 Mans saddle 1 Womans Saddle	0	17	0
3	Cedar Pales 2 Washing Tubs 1 churn 1 small cask & brass hook	1	2	6
1	Griddle 1 Table 3 Earthen Pans & 1 Stone Pot 1 Earthen Pot	0	11	6
2	Large Eathen Pots 1 Tub with Pork 1 Tub with Beef	6	6	0
5	Old Casks 1 Small Keg 7 Hogshead 2 2 Gallon Kegs	1	6	7
	(there followed a detailed list of blacksmith and carpenter tools)			
6	Juggs 2 Bottles 1 Flask a Decanter 1 Butter Pot a Sugar Box	1	17	2
2	Cakes of Tallow 1 Armd Chair 2 Tubs 1 Walnut Chest	2	0	0
1	Desk 1 Hone & Razer 1 Rule 2 Files Money Scales	5	8	6
1	Small Trunk 1 Gun 1 Looking Glass & 8 Chairs	2	16	0
1	Bed bedstead & furniture 1 Bed bedstead & furniture	13	9	6
1	Bed bedstead & furniture 2 Linnen wheels 1 Woolen wheel	10	3	0
1	Bell 1 Reel 1 Bottle 1 Crewet 1			

	Milk Pot 2 Tumblers 1 Dram Glass	10	8	0
	Tea Cups & Saucers 1 Mustard Pot & Pepper Box 2 Custard Pans	10	3	6
9	Tea Spoons 1 Candle Stick 2 Tables	1	5	6
1	Weavers Loom 1 Small Bed & 1 Lantern	2	5	0

The total appraised value of the personal estate (including the blacksmith and other tools, not listed herein) amounted to 217 pounds 19 shillings.

It should be noted that the foregoing appraisal makes no mention of the real property of John Nelson, Sr. which likely was of considerable value.

Olive Nelson Gibson in her book "Descendants of John Nelson, Sr.- Mary Toby, Stafford County, Va." at page 29, quoting Rev. Samuel H. Templeman, a Baptist minister:

"The farm that John owned was on the headwaters of Aquia Creek, just above Tackett's Mill, but in Fauquier. It is not over three miles from the mill as the crow flies and Tackett's Mill is in Stafford. When Fauquier was cut off from Prince William, the Nelson farm was about two miles from the line of Prince William, but in Fauquier. So it is in a corner of Fauquier close to Stafford and Prince William. The nearest village that would help you locate on the map is Bristersburg. I have visited the farm. It is a good one. The house is gone and so is the blacksmith shop, but it is easy to trace the foundation and to pick up clinkers at the site of the blacksmith shop. Close by is a beautiful grove where John and Mary rest with some of their children. John, Jr. and William especially. The graves are not marked. Mary lived on the farm and paid

taxes until 1815, when she died."

Ann E. Nelson Wigfield's great grandparents, John Nelson, Sr. and Mary Toby, certainly were sturdy, hardworking and frugal people. Indeed, it could be said that they were pioneers, in that they created from what then was a wilderness, a home and a prosperous blacksmithing business and farming operation. At death he was about 72 and she 90 years of age.

The children of John Nelson, Sr.[1] and Mary Toby:

i. **HANNAH**, b. 19 Oct. 1740, Stafford Co., Va., and her birth is so recorded in the Register of Overwharton Parish. In the same register, and on the same page, is recorded the marriage of her parents, John Nelson and Mary Toby, on 10 Feb. 1741. Thus it would appear that her birth occurred almost four months prior to the marriage of her parents, but such is not the case. One must remember that prior to 1752, England and her colonies used the Julian calendar under which the new year began on March 25 and not on 1 January as under the Gregorian calendar which has been used in England and America since 1752. It follows that Hannah's birth was a few days short of eight months after her parents marriage.

Hannah married Thomas James and the records indicate that she died sometime prior to the probate of her mother's estate in Fauquier Co., Va. in 1815.

ii. **JAMES**, b. after 1740, died 14 Nov. 1771, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 11 Feb. 1765, Fauquier Co., Va., Elizabeth "Betty" O'Bannon, dau. of William O'Bannon and Ann

"Nancy" Neville. He died 14 Nov. 1771 in Fauquier Co., Va., leaving his widow and two daughters, Catherine and Elizabeth.

iii. **JOHN, Jr.,** b. ca. 1745 and died between 1785 and 1791, mar. 15 Jan. 1766, Fauquier Co., Va., Mary Young, b. 1747 in Maryland, dau. of John Young and Kitty Bruce. Original Young was the bondsman.

iv. **JOSEPH,** b. ca. 1750-52 Prince William Co., Va., mar., firstly, on 23 Dec. 1771, Fauquier Co., Va., Catherine O'Bannon, b. ca. 1751, Prince William Co., Va., dau. of John O'Bannon and Sarah Barbee. Secondly, he mar., 15 April 1790, Jane Bradford at Fauquier Co., Va., dau. of Alexander Bradford and Jemima Jones. Jane died ca. 1807-08. His third marriage was to Eleanor Morgan but no official record of this marriage has been found. The Marriage Bond entered into prior to his marriage to Catherine O'Bannon, which is on file among the court records of Fauquier Co., Va., is quoted:

"Know all men by these Presents that we Joseph Nelson and Samuel Grigsby are held and firmly bound unto our Soverign Lord, King George the third, in the sum of fifty pounds current money to which payment well and truly be made to our Soverign Lord, the King, his heirs Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 23rd. day of December 1771. The condition of the above is such that whereas there is a Marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between the above bound Joseph Nelson and Catherine O'Bannon for which a license has issued. Now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said intended Marriage, then the above Obligation to be void or else to remain

in force.

Joseph Nelson (seal)
Samuel Grigsby (seal)"

Joseph Nelson was appointed as an Ensign in the Fauquier Co., Va. Militia and took the oath as such 22 May 1780. It is not known if he was engaged in battle. He was discharged from active service on 9 Sept. 1781 and was the recipient of a Revolutionary War Pension.

The Fauquier Co., Va. Tax List 1782-87 reveal that Joseph Nelson paid taxes on 8 slaves. The county Minute Books show that he was appointed Deputy Sheriff. Another entry records that he was appointed Collector of the Taxes of the county, giving a bond signed by 10 prominent men of the county, in the amount of 100,000 pounds. (Deed Book 7 Page 96). Joseph Nelson was highly regarded by the citizens of his county, both during, and after the Revolution.

Joseph Nelson, grandfather of Ann E. Nelson Wigfield, died intestate, in Fauquier Co., Va., 6 October 1837 and his son, John B. Nelson (Ann's father) was appointed Administrator. The Inventory and Appraisement of his personal estate was recorded on 15 November 1837 in Will Book 15 Page 296. The two principal assets of the estate were a slave named Simon, whose value was fixed at $400.00 and a gray horse which was valued at $40.00.

A public sale of the personal property of the estate was held on 24 Nov. 1837 and the Report of Sale, which totalled $904.27, is recorded in Will Book 15 at Page 397. One of the items sold was the family Bible which was purchased by the Administrator, John B. Nelson, for seventy cents.

John B. Nelson filed his Account in the Fauquier Co. Court on 25 Nov. 1837 and it is recorded in Will Book 16 Page 178. The account reveals that he paid Rev. C(umberland) George the sum of $5.00, likely for preaching his father's funeral. Also, he paid Thos. Hirst $1.50 for crying the sale and the further sum of $2.25 for 3 gallons of whiskey used at the sale, this, no doubt, to stimulate bidding. Finally, he reported that he had paid $10.00 for his father's coffin.

In Mrs. Gibson's book[1], previously cited, she states at page 73, "There is an old Nelson cemetery (in Fauquier Co., Va.) on the Tom Courtney place on the Waterloo Road not far from Cliff Mills. Here, it is believed, Joseph Nelson is buried; only plain sandstones at each grave. Time has eroded most of the letters. Deed records state that Joseph Nelson owned land adjoining the Moffett place and the old Moffett house still stands on the adjoining farm to Tom Courtney. Carter's Run Church is about one mile from the fork where you turn to the right on the Waterloo Road going to the Tom Courtney place."

v. **THOMAS,** b. after 1745, mar. 24 Oct. 1768, Fauquier Co., Va., Rachel Grigsby.

vi. **WILLIAM,** b. ca. 1750. He died in camp in 1777 while serving as an officer of the Tenth Regiment of the Virginia Militia. Since he was not mentioned in his father's will, it is assumed that he died unmarried and without issue.

The children of Joseph Nelson[2] [John, Sr.[1]] and Catherine O'Bannon:

i. **JOHN B.,** b. 29 Sept. 1772,

Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 14 Sept. 1798, Fauquier Co., Va., Cynthia Ann Withers, b. 24 April 1779, Fauquier Co., Va., dau. of James Withers and Elizabeth Rosser. At the time of her marriage she was 17 years of age and since her father had died, her mother signed the consent for her marriage. John B. Nelson's middle name is not known with certainty, but it seems likely that he may have been named for his grandmother, Sarah Barbee, and if so, his full name would have been John Barbee Nelson. A grandson of Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield, copied the birth dates of John Nelson and Cynthia Ann Withers from the Bible of their son-in-law, Thomas Smith Wigfield. Although diligent inquiry has been made, this Bible has not been found and it seems likely that it has been lost. Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield was a daughter of Thomas Smith Wigfield and Ann E. Nelson.

As has been stated previously, John B. Nelson, served as Administrator of the estate of his father, Joseph Nelson. On 27 Nov. 1837, and in the course of the administration proceedings, he appointed one of his sons, Thomas Withers Nelson, who was then living in Cooper Co., Mo., to institute suit against his half-brother, Ira Thornton Nelson, son of his father and his third wife, Eleanor Morgan, for the recovery of a slave named Sam, alleged to have been the property of his late father, Joseph Nelson. The outcome of the suit is not known.

John B. Nelson was a farmer and a slave owner as revealed by the personal property tax records. Five of his sons migrated to Missouri prior to 1840, and according to unsubstantiated family tradition, he gave each of them, upon leaving home, several slaves.

In late life, he and his wife joined their sons in Missouri, taking up residence near them in Bunceton, Cooper County. She died 8 Jan. 1846, and he 22 Feb. 1847 and both were buried in the village of Vermont in Cooper County. Vermont no longer exists, having been abandoned for many years. John B. Nelson died without a will so the Probate Court of Cooper Co., Mo., appointed one of his sons, James O'Bannon Nelson, as Administrator.

A public sale of the estate's personal property was held 8 July 1847. The Report of Sale as filed by the Administrator, revealed that one of the items sold was a Bible which was purchased for $1.50 by the decedent's son, John Barbee Nelson. Almost certainly, this was Joseph Nelson's Bible which his son, John B. Nelson, had purchased at the public sale of his father's personal estate and for which he had paid 70 cents. Olive Nelson Gibson, in her book[1], previously mentioned, reported that she had seen this Bible and she quoted from it extensively. This Bible was traced to Herbert Frank Nelson, Jr., of Sweet Springs, Mo., who is thought to be a descendant of John Barbee Nelson. In response to a letter seeking data from the Bible, Mr. Nelson stated:

"I know of the Bible you are talking about, from what I can recall it did go into great detail about the ancestors. It was in my father's house and after his death I sold the house with its contents for a lump sum, not thinking about the Bible. The man fixed up the house and had a public auction sale and I expect that the old Bible was sold with some old books for a lump sum. Like I say I never cared anything about ancestors or antiques. Really, I feel bad about it now, but there is no way whatsoever to trace it."

This Bible probably was 200 years old and its loss is irreparable.

ii. **JAMES O'BANNON,** b. ca. 1774, Fauquier Co., Va., died unmarried, 23 May 1813. His will is recorded in Will Book 5 page 297, Fauquier Co., Va.

iii. **THOMAS HENRY,** b. 14 Dec. 1777, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 2 Nov 1802, Fauquier Co., Va., Elizabeth Green, b. 15 Dec. 1781, Prince William Co., Va., dau. of William Green. He died 21 Dec. 1856 and he and his wife are buried on the family plantation in Fauquier Co.

iv. **JOSEPH, Jr.,** b. ca. 1778. Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 28 Dec. 1803, Fauquier Co., Va., Nancy Rosser, daughter of John Rosser and Mary Neavill.

v. **GEORGE,** b. 7 July 1786, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 15 July 1815, Elizabeth Hord Porter.

vi. **NANCY,** b. 1788, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 15 July 1815, Fauquier Co., Va., Enoch Withers, b. 1782, Fauquier Co., Va., son of James Withers and Elizabeth Rosser. Enoch Withers was a brother of Cynthia Withers who had married John B. Nelson in 1796.

The children of Joseph Nelson[2] [John, Sr.[1]] and his second wife, Jane Bradford: (The children listed are the presumed children of Joseph Nelson and Jane Bradford as little proof is available)

i. **WILLIAM,** b. ca. 1792, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 21 Feb. 1811, Fauquier Co., Va., Elander Pickrell.

ii. **ALEXANDER BRADFORD,** b. ca. 1795, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 4 Oct. 1821, Fauquier Co., Va., Sally P. Porter, dau. of Martin Porter.

iii. **ELIZABETH,** (Nothing has been learned about her, except that she is mentioned in the will of her grandfather Alexander Bradford).

The only (presumed) child of Joseph Nelson[2] [John, Sr.[1] and his third wife, Eleanor Morgan:

i. **IRA THORNTON,** 20 March 1797, mar., 11 Jan. 1820, Fauquier Co., Va. Jane Foley, dau. of Thomas Foley.

The children of John B. Nelson[3] [Joseph,[2] John, Sr.,[1]] and Cynthia Ann Withers:

i. **JOSEPH JAMES,** b. 3 March 1898, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 25 Dec. 1823, Fauquier Co., Va., Mary B. Chancellor, dau. of John Chancellor and Jane Monroe, the aunt of President James Monroe. Joseph James Nelson died 12 Oct. 1841. His will, dated 12 Oct. 1841, (the date of his death) is recorded in Will Book 17 at Page 189.

ii. **ELIZABETH E.,** b. 7 April 1800, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 28 Oct. 1818, Fauquier Co., Va., James A. Grant,

iii. **JAMES O'BANNON,** b. 26 May 1802, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 6 Feb. 1827, Fauquier Co., Va., Mary Elizabeth Hirst, b. 8 Sept. 1809, Salem, Fauquier Co., Va. He died 15 Dec. 1861 and she 25 Dec. 1891, Both deaths occurred in Cooper Co., Mo. where they are buried on the family farm "Fairview". He was called "Captain" but it is not known if it was a military or a social title.

On 12 Sept. 1836, James O'Bannon Nelson and his wife, with their four small children, the youngest, Marietta, being a baby of two months, left Fauquier Co., Va. to join his brother, Thomas Withers Nelson, who sometime before had migrated to Cooper Co., Mo. The trip was made in wagons, taking eight weeks. En route they crossed the Mississippi River at St. Louis, then a small village. Upon reaching Cooper Co., they settled in an area where there were no houses nor fences nor other evidences of civilization to be seen.

iv. **THOMAS WITHERS**, b. 21 July 1804, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., firstly, 19 April 1832, Fauquier Co., Va., Patsy McGeorge, dau. of John McGeorge. She died in a Richmond, Va. theatre fire 1 April 1835, as recorded in the now lost Nelson Family Bible. There were no children born of this marriage. By 23 Oct. 1836 he had migrated to Missouri where he settled in Cooper Co. His second marriage was on 12 Dec. 1837, at Booneville, Mo. to Mary Gay Wyan, b. 14 March 1819, Crab Orchard, Ky., dau. of Jacob Fortney Wyant and his third wife, Nancy Shanks. The Wyant family dropped the "t" and the name became "Wyan". It seems likely that Mary Gay was named for her father's first wife, Mary "Polly" Gay. Also, it seems likely that her niece, Mary Elizabeth Gay Wigfield, a daughter of her father's sister, Ann E. Nelson Wigfield, in part at least, was named for her aunt, Mary Gay Wyan Nelson.

v. **MARIAH**, b. 24 April, Fauquier Co., and died in infancy.

vi. **CATHERINE**, b. 17 Feb. 1810, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 7 Feb. 1831, Fauquier Co., Va., Thornton Withers, b. 1807, Woodford Co., Ky. She died before 1850 and is buried in the Warrenton Cem., Warrenton,

Va. They were cousins.

vii. **JOHN BARBEE,** b. 19 Sept. 1812, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 9 Dec. 1838, Fauquier Co., Va., Elizabeth Brown Hitch, b. 26 April 1815. He died 15 Aug. 1875 and she 31 Dec. 1891, Cooper Co., Mo. and both are buried there in the Nelson Family Cemetery.

viii. **ALEXANDER ROSSER,** b. 4 Aug. 1815, Fauquier Co., Va. He married in Mo., Rebecca M. (family name not known). He was appointed Clerk of the Probate Court of Moniteau Co., Mo., 21 June 1853. (Book B page 9). He died intestate in Moniteau Co. prior 20 April 1861, the date his brother, Thomas Withers Nelson, of adjoining Cooper Co., was granted letter of administration on his estate. (Book B page 541).

ix. **ANN E.,** b. 20 Nov. 1817, Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 12 Jan. 1835, Fauquier Co., Va., Thomas Smith Wigfield, b. 13 June 1813, Fauquier Co., Va., son of John Johnson Wigfield and Charlotte Oder.

x. **HENRY JOHNSON,** b. 9 March 1820, Fauquier Co., Va. He migrated to Moniteau Co., Mo., joining his brother, Alexander Rosser, there. He was unmarried; died in 1881, the place of death not known. No doubt he was named for his grandfather, John Johnson Wigfield.

xi. **GEORGE ADDISON,** b. 30 July 1822, Fauquier Co., Va., and died there 19 Aug 1843, unmarried.

Thomas Withers Nelson, his wife, Mary Gay Wyan, and their daughter, Margaret Eliza "Maggie", age 15 months, made a trip east in 1840 to attend (probably as a delegate) the Whig convention in Baltimore, Md., where

William Henry Harrison and John Tyler were nominated for President and Vice President, (and later elected) using the slogan "Tippecanoe and Tyler too."

Mary Gay Wyan Nelson kept a journal of their trip, and because it recounts events and problems incident to travel almost 150 years ago, parts of it are included herein:

"Monday, March 30th. 1840 started for Booneville with the intention of embarking on the first boat after attending the wedding of Sister Margaret and Mr. Russell. Sis was married on Thurs. 2 April. Started Sabbath about noon, arrived safely at St. Louis on Tues. 7th. We remained on the "Thames" in preference to tavern or hotel.

"April 9th. Engaged passage on the "Lebanon" for Pittsburg, Pa. Fri. 10th., left half past one. Margaret does finely.

"11th. of April. Have entered the mouth of the Ohio River and stopped at the city of Cairo, founded by the English. Have passed a village, Paducah, on the Ky. side--a handsome situation at the mouth of the Tennessee River. Passed Smithland, a good looking town at the mouth of the Cumberland River--in Ky. 12th. A boat from New Orleans to Detroit just passed.

"13th. Margaret Eliza is quite playful the morning and is running up and down in high spirits. Have come to the canal--two miles long. .....landed at Louisville. Mr. Nelson and Mr. Russell went to Gault House for rooms and back for Sister Nancy and two ch. and Mrs. Roberts--they leave us to take a stage for Crab Orchard; will meet with our cos., Henry Owsley.

"17th. Arose early. Passed Maysville, Ky. in the night. I viewed the Virginia shore for the first time--the houses generally are old fashioned--though some good brick ones, and really fine farms are to be seen. No one can know with what emotions I looked upon the native land of my husband.

"18th. Had a fine promenade on the hurricane deck until the sun went down--the moon rose and the scene was lovely--the waves and spray sparkling as many diamonds.

"19th. Awakened at four in the morning as the boat landed at Wheeling, Va. (now W. Va.) walked to the United States Hotel.

"20th. Every one that speaks of little Margaret says what a fine looking boy! Eight of us chartered the stage--gave 125 dollars to take us to Frederick in Maryland; to run all day and lay by night. Our coach is a beautiful one--Cumberland Road is graded with beaten up rock from Wheeling to Cumberland, Md. Took the turnpike road on Frederick Md. We drove 68 Mi. the first day and stopped at Uniontown.

"21st. We started before it was quite light--passed over rough broken land very mountainous--but the scenery was truly picturesque--mountain after mountain rising in view--the scenery of which I so often read accounts, I now in reality beheld. We arrived at the little crossing about one o'clock when in the act of turning around the stage to stop at the hotel, we were upset. The stage was broken almost to pieces and sister Margaret was the most hurt. She was covered with blood. My shoulder was hurt and my arm disabled and Mr. Russell got a stiff neck. The hotel physician said Margaret's injuries were not dangerous. We were

compelled, with great reluctance, to leave Sister Margaret the next morning, but of course her husband was with her. We arrived at Hagerstown, the county seat, at one in the night--the first night's travel put up at hotel. It seemed that we had hardly gotten to sleep before we had to start again. This is one of the finest improved countries I have seen--the buildings are of the best kind, land here is worth from 70 to 120 dollars an acre. Frederick is a beautiful city--arrived at 9 o'clock and got breakfast. At a quarter past 10 o'clock we took the cars for Baltimore. Soon left fine lands--in about 4 miles the country became poor. The handsomest building stone I ever saw--the stones are quarried and taken to Baltimore. We are running 15 miles an hour. Very poor country. We arrived at the suburbs of the city of Baltimore about 3 P. M. The steam engine was then taken from our cars and the cars drawn into the city by 4 very large white horses. After arriving at the depot we were assailed on every side by the incessant cries of different hotel porters. We took a hack to Eauteau House at the corner of Eauteau and Baltimore Streets. This is a most magnificent hotel, 5 stories high, containing splendid furnishings. The table fairly groaned under the weight of the delicious food."

On the 23rd. they left at a quarter after 9 o'clock and took the cars for Philadelphia. Arriving at the suburbs, the engine was taken away and 4 very large horses substituted in its place. We went to see a 3 masted vessel at the wharf on the 25th. We stayed at a large brick boarding house where the staff were very good regarding Margaret Eliza. After dining we got an omnibus and the niece went with us to explain the city. We were told that Margaret was not very good during

absence--would not stay with anyone but their scrub woman, so she had to quit her work and nurse her. She looked similar to Big Lucy and Margaret thought it was she."

On the 26th. they visited Pratts Garden and on the 27th. went to a bonnet store where Margaret put a new one on and then was taken to the milliners to have it trimmed. Then to a furniture store where Mr. Nelson bought a piano and music. They then went to the cars and took berths for Baltimore. She said "I found that we had run all night and were not a great way from Baltimore. Mr. Nelson could not sleep because of the noise and bustle, yet I heard none of it." They drove to Mrs. Pendleton's boarding house, she having been an old school mate of Mr. Nelson's mother (her mother-in-law, Cynthia Ann Withers). They were served delicious Southern fool, including oyster pie, which Mrs. said was a fovorite dish of Mr. Nelson. The Eautau House was across the street.

On the 31st. she bought a "handsome lawn dress" and the next day she bought a "handsome blue-black dress--12 yds. at $1.62 a yard".

"May 3rd. Dressed by inches for the Harrisonian Convention.....The delegates from the different states and spectators are already flocking in, so I have to peep and dress by turns. Every now and then a log cabin passes, the first one drawn by 8 gray horses..... In the afternoon I wrote two letters, one to Mrs. Nelson (her mother-in-law) and one to my parents.

"May 4th. Streets busy. Mr. Arthur Johnson called, brought his daughters Mary and Dolly and asked about Booneville friends. They remained to witness the parade. This

grand procession consisted of Whig delegates ..... flags were carried.....the high wind caused trouble. Then eight matched horses came along with the log cabins on 4 small wheels...the cabins decorated with cedar bushes, opossums or racoons in them. Skins were on the outsides of the cabins and behind the chimney was a barrel of hard cider. Later some Democrats, bearing two figures, joined the parade. One of the attending marshalls took (the figures) away whereupon a Democrat ruffian struck the marshall with a leaden ball with so much force that it caused his immediate death. The Whigs tore the figures to atoms and continued three miles out of the city to the Canton race course.

"There were a great many speeches delivered by some of the most eloquent men of the country. Mr. Clay, Mr. Preston, Mr. Webster and many others spoke. There were 25000 people in the parade. .....after the parade we went to the Washington Monument (in Baltimore) and procuring a lamp ascended the narrow winding stairs until we reached the top from which we had a grand view of the city and surrounding country. We descended and were quite fatigued before we reached the bottom.

"May 5th. Tuesday morning. We started early at 9 in the forenoon, taking the cars and arrived in Washington at twelve, being 40 miles. We stopped at Oglesvy's Hotel. The entertainment was splendid, the table sumptuous....." (Here ends the journal).

It is known that following their visit in Washington, they proceeded to Fauquier Co., Va., where they visited his parents, John B. Nelson and Cynthia Ann Withers, she meeting them for the first time. Among those visited would have been his sister, Ann, and

her husband, Thomas Smith Wigfield. Mary Gay Wyan Nelson must have favorably impressed her husband's sister and brother-in-law, since they named their next born daughter, Mary Elizabeth Gay.

On the occasion of that visit, they must have persuaded John B. and Cynthia Ann Withers Nelson to join them and their four other sons in Missouri, two in Moniteau County and three (including Thomas Withers) in adjoining Cooper County, for within a year of their visit, the senior Nelsons made the long trek to Missouri, where they resided for the remainder of their lives.

NOTES & REFERENCES

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"To know where you want to go, you have to know where you came from." Anon.

CHAPTER XII

Cynthia Ann "Cindy" Withers[5] was born 24 April 1779 in Fauquier County, Va., the fifth of twelve children of James Withers[4] and Elizabeth Rosser. It was the year that Virginians under George Rogers Clark, completed their conquest of the Old Northwest, capturing Vincennes, Indiana. Also, during that year, John Paul Jones, commanding the "Bonhomme Richard," won a great naval victory against the British frigate, "Serapis," off the east coast of England.

Cynthia Ann Withers and John B. Nelson were married in Fauquier Co., Va., 14 Sept. 1796, she having been 16 and he 24 years of age. One of their daughters, Ann E. Nelson, and her husband, Thomas Smith Wigfield, became the parents of seven children and the descendants of these seven are recorded in Chapters 4 through 10 of this book--hundreds in number.

She was the grand daughter of Thomas Withers,[3] the great grand daughter of James Withers[2] and Elizabeth Keene, and the great great grand daughter of William Withers,[1] who was born in Arkholm, Parish of Melling, Lancastershire, England. The name of William Withers' wife is not known. He died in Stafford Co., Va., ca. 1698, leaving at least two sons, one of whom was James Withers.[2]1

Cynthia Ann Withers Nelson died 8 Jan. 1846 in Cooper Co., Mo. and her husband, John B. Nelson, followed her in death thirteen months later at the same place, 22 Feb. 1847

and both are buried in that county and state.

James Withers[4] was born 16 March 1744/45 in Prince William County, Va., married ca. 1767, Elizabeth Rosser, daughter of John Rosser and Mary Neavil. He was the eldest child of the twelve children of Thomas Withers[3] and Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Jonas Williams.

In the year of his birth rubber was first used in Europe, the first General Conference of Methodists was held in England, Benjamin Franklin invented his stove and J. S. Bach completed Part 2 of his "The Well Tempered Clavier."

During the Revolutionary War James Withers served during the years 1777 and 1778 as a First Lieutenant in Capt. Windsor Brown's Co., in the First Virginia State Regiment commanded by Col. George Gibson. At the conclusion of the War there is some evidence that he became a physician. James Withers died in Fauquier Co., Va. in 1791. His widow died in Woodford Co., Ky. after 1825. Bessie Corder Barnes, a descendant of James Withers and Elizabeth Rosser, (through their daughter Cynthia Ann Withers) was admitted to membership in the National Society of the DAR (National No. 332811) on the basis of his military service in the Revolutionary War.

The children of James Withers[4] [Thomas,[3] James,[2] William[1]] and Elizabeth Rosser:

i. **THOMAS**, b. 1768/69 Fauquier Co., Va,, mar. 10 Feb. 1791, Fauquier Co., Va., Patty Harris.[2] His uncle, (his mother's brother), John Rosser, signed the Marriage Bond. He died in Woodford Co., Ky. in 1830.

ii. **JOHN**, b. 1769/70, Fauquier Co., mar. 5 Jan. 1792, Fauquier Co., Va., Ann Wood, dau. of Dickerson Wood.[2] He died after 1828.

iii. **ELIZABETH**, b. 1770, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 14 Aug. 1792, Fauquier Co., Va., William Kemper.[2] Her brother, John Withers, signed the Marriage Bond.

iv. **MATTHEW KEENE**, b. ca. 1772, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 21 Feb. 1794, Culpeper Co., Va., Catherine Spencer. He died after 1835.

v. **CYNTHIA ANN**, b. 24 April 1779, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 14 Sept. 1796, Fauquier Co., Va., John B. Nelson[2], son of Joseph Nelson and Catherine Obannon.

vi. **ENOCH**, b. 1782, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 4 Oct. 1803, Fauquier Co., Va.,[2]Nancy Nelson, b. 1788, dau. of Joseph Nelson and Catherine Obannon. Enoch Withers died in Woodford Co., Ky. between 1825 and 1833.

vii. **WILLIAM**, b. 1783/84, Fauquier Co.

viii. **HANNAH**, b. Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 24 Dec. 1793, Fauquier Co., Va., Dickerson Wood.[2]

ix. **LUCINDA, "LUCY"** b. Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 23 Sept. 1795, Fauquier Co., Va., Thomas Davis.[2]

x. **SCYTHIA, "SETHA"**b. Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 22 June 1801, Fauquier Co., Va., Presley Payne.[2]

xi. SALLY, b. Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 20 March 1804, Fauquier Co., Va., William Kidwell.[2]

xii. MARTHA "PATSY," b. Fauquier Co., Va., mar., 10 Nov. 1807, Fauquier Co., Va., Francis Payne.[2] This couple were the grandparents of John Barton Payne, Secretary of the Interior, 1920-21. Later, he was Chairman of the American Red Cross.

The will of James Withers[4] dated 4 May 1791 and admitted to probate 25 July 1781 by the Fauquier County, Va. Court where it is recorded in Will Book 2 at page 224, is quoted in full as follows:

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN, I James Withers of Fauquier County and State of Virginia, being in perfect mind and memory, hath made and doth constitute this my Last Will and Testament, as follows (Viz.)

"First, my will and desire is that all my lawful debts to be paid (if there should be any) and as for the residue and remainder of my Estate and possessions Real and Personal, with all Bonds and Promissory Notes whatever is mine or might be mine, I give and bequeath unto my beloved Wife, Elizabeth Withers, during her natural life or widowhood and then at her death or Marriage State, my Will and desire is that anything that was my own or that was in her possession of mine, should be equally divided among my Children, (Viz.) Thomas, John, Elizabeth, Hannah, Cain, Lucy, Cinthy, Enoch, William, Sithy, Sally and Patty, Furthermore, my will and desire is that my beloved wife Elizabeth should act and possess everything as tho I were present in person, that if she should so need or cause, she might give unto any of my children, such

part of my Estate as she thought proper at the same time the child or children being accountable for so much of their part when equally divided at her death or Marriage State.

"Also, my desire is if any of my children should die before their mother or before the division of my Estate leaving Lawful Posterity, that his or their Posterity should possess whatever part might be the deceased forever. I also do constitute and ordain my beloved wife Elizabeth and my son John to be my Executors to this my last will and testament and doth hereby revoke and annull all other Wills and bequeaths that might be made by me and doth acknowledge this only to be my Last Will and Testament. As Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this fourth day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and ninety one.

James Withers (L S)"

"Sealed and Signed in !
the presence of us: !

Aquilla Davis
Samuel Nichols
Elizabeth (X) Nichols"

"At a Court held for Fauquier County the 25th. day of July 1791, this Will was proved by the oaths of Aquilla Davis and Samuel Nichols, Witnesses thereto and Ordered to be recorded, and on the motion of Elizabeth Withers and John Withers, the Executors therein named, who made Oath and Executed and Acknowledged Bond as the law directs, Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

(Teste): H. Brooke, C. C."

The Inventory and Appraisment of the estate of James Withers was filed in the Fauquier Co., Court on 25 June 1792 where it is recorded in Will Book 2 at page 225. Values are stated in Pounds, Shillings and Pence. The Inventory and Appraisment follows:

"In Obediance to an Order of Court dated July 1791, we who are undersigned, being first sworn, have mett on the premises of Elizabeth Withers to appraise the Estate of James Withers, deceased, present Capt. Benj. Shackelford, Esq., and find it as follows (Viz):

"1 Negro man named Job L40 0 0			
1Negro woman Easty L35 0 0	L 75	0	0
1 Negro woman Winna L30, 1 Negro boy Sam L45 0 0	75	0	0
1 Negro boy Joe L40, 1 Negro boy George L30	70	0	0
1 Negro boy Daniel L30, 1 Negro girl Ama L15 0 0	45	0	0
1 Negro Child, Edmon L10	10	0	0
25 hoggs L10 2 0, 1 horse L12 0 0			
1 Ditto L10 0 0, 1 Ditto L6 0 0	38	2	0
1 Horse L5 0 0, 1 Ditto L6 0 0	11	0	0
2 Steers L12 0 0, 19 Head Sheep L7 2/6	19	2	6
8 Head Cattle L16 7/0	16	7	0
1 Loom 25/5 Potts 38/ and 1 frying pan 11/	3	7	0
1 Tea Kettle 4/1 Stew Pan 11/ 4 Basons 20/	1	8	0
4 Dishes 27/6, 18 Plates 22/6 16 Spoons 2/8	2	12	8
1 Pair Tongs 2/6, 1 Grid Iron 1/6, Wooden Ware 8/6	0	12	6
Knives & Forks 2/, 1 Walnut Table 5/1 Ditto 10/	0	17	0

1 Walnut Chest 12/, 1 Ditto 12/			
1 Ditto 6/	1	10	0
Earthenware 12/, 1 Sugar Chest 7/6	0	19	6
1 Scythe & Cradle 9/6 and			
1 Crosscut Saw 6/	0	15	6
4 Spinning Wheels & Reel 25/ and			
1 Bed & Furniture L5	6	5	0
1 Bed & Furniture L5, 1 Ditto L4,			
2 Ditto L6	15	0	0
1 Bed & Furniture L10, 1 Ditto L8	18	0	0
Womans Saddle L2 10, 6 Tubs 7/			
2 Juggs 8/	3	5	0
Coopers Tools 7/6, Plantation			
Utensils 35/6	2	13	0
2 Flat Irons 2/6, 1 Pair Wool			
Cards 1/	0	3	0
1 Fire Doggs 10/, 1 Candle Box			
1/6, 2 Slates 2/6	0	14	0
11 Chares (chairs) 16/6, 1 Trunk			
1/6, 2 Mens Saddles 2/6	1	0	2
1 Pair Sheep Shairs (shears) 2/6,			
16 Tubs & Casks 11/8	2	0	6
5 Reap Hooks 1/, 1 Pair Hames 2/6	0	3	6
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Dickerson Wood, Senr.
Jno. Smoot, Senr.
Aquilla Davis

"At a Court held for Fauquier County the 25th. day of June 1792 This Inventory and Appraisment of the Estate of James Withers, deceased, was returned and ordered to be recorded.

(Teste): H.Brooke,C. C."

By Bill of Sale dated 28 Nov. 1805 and recorded in Deed Book 16 at page 389, Fauquier Co., Va., Elizabeth Withers, widow of James Withers, sold to her son-in-law, John Nelson, (husband of her daughter, Cynthia Ann Withers) "one Negro man by the

name of Daniel" for and "in consideration of the natural love & affection I bear to John Nelson---and as well as for the further consideration of fifty pounds to me in hand paid" by the said John Nelson. It seems likely that this Daniel is one and the same as the "Negro boy Daniel" who was appraised in the estate of Elizabeth's deceased husband as being of the value of 30 pounds.

Thomas Withers,[3] (the grandfather of Cynthia Ann Withers[5]) was born 15 Feb. 1723/24 at his father's home on Potomac Creek in Stafford Co., Va., the fourteenth of the sixteen children of James Withers[2] and Elizabeth Keene. Some significant events of that year and the following year:

1. The Iroquois Confederation of Six Nations made a treaty with Virginia, agreeing not to cross the Potomac River nor the Blue Ridge Mountains.

2. Boylston used statistics to prove the success of his smallpox inoculations. Lady Mary Wortley Montague won the public's approval of inoculation against smallpox in England.

3. The cornerstone was laid for Boston's "Old North Church."

4. J. S. Bach was appointed to the Cantorship in Leipzig. Here he conducted the first performance of his "St. John Passion" on Good Friday.

By the standards of his day James Withers was considered to have been an extensive land owner. During his lifetime he gave his sons large tracts upon which they established plantations. One such tract located on Licking Run in Fauquier Co., he gave to his

son, Thomas, who named it "Green Meadows".

Thomas Withers died 12 Nov. 1794 at the home of his son, Joseph, in Fauquier Co., Va., his wife having preceded him in death on 27 March 1783. Both were buried on the plantation of Jonas Williams, his wife's father.

Ann Devall Mays of New Orleans, La., a descendant of Susannah "Sukey" Withers Chinn, the youngest child of Thomas Withers and Elizabeth Williams, was admitted to membership in the National Society of the DAR (National No. 516808) on the basis of services rendered by Thomas Withers in the establishment of American Independence during the War of the Revolution as follows:

1. Fauquier Co., Va. Rev. Claims allowed April 3, 1782, Thomas Withers for five days waggoning--Thomas Withers made oath he waggoned 1 and 1/2 days for the use of Gen. Wayne's Brigade for which he had a certificate which is lost. 22/6 allowed.

2. Rev. War Public Service Claim filed in Fauquier Co. Court: "I hereby certify that I have received of Mr. Thomas Withers twenty gallons of brandy furnished by the said Thomas Withers for the use of the Commonwealth agreeable to an Act of Assembly, entitled "Act for Procuring and Supply of Provisions and other necessaries for the use of the Army, Sept. 22, 1780."

The children of Thomas Withers3 [James,2 William1] and Elizabeth Williams:

i. **JAMES,** b. 16 March 1744/45, Prince William Co., Va., mar. ca. 1768, Elizabeth Rosser, b. 1747, dau. of John Rosser and Mary Neavill. James Withers

served as an officer in the Revolutionary War. He died in 1791, three years before his father.

ii. **HANNAH**, b. 10 Sept. 1746/47, Prince William Co., Va., mar. 3 March 1767, Fauquier Co., Va., James Winn.[2]

iii. **ELIZABETH "BETTY"**, b. 11 Feb. 1749, Prince William Co., Va., mar. 17 Oct. 1766, Fauquier Co., Va., Capt. Minor Winn.[2] One of their great grandsons was Gen. Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson.

iv. **ANN "NANCY,"**b. 20 Dec. 1751, Prince William Co., Va., mar. firstly, 2 Feb. 1769, Fauquier Co., Va., Joseph Barbee[2] and secondly on 26 Oct. 1791, Fauquier Co., Va., Thomas Jordan.[2]

v. **JOHN**, b. 1753, Prince William Co., Va., mar. (maybe Katherine Coty Parker). He died in Sumner Co. Tenn. 1 Nov. 1816.

vi. **MATTHEW KEENE**, b. 3 Aug. 1755, Prince William Co., Va., mar. 1777, Nancy Jennings. He served in the Rev. War. and died in 1830.

vii. **WILLIAM HAMLIN**, b. 1756/57, Prince William Co., Va., mar. 28 March 1786, Fauquier Co., Va., Martha Ann "Patsy" Ashby.[2] He served as a captain in the Rev. War. He died 24 Aug. 1834 in Fauquier Co., Va.

viii. **ENOCH KEENE**, b. 14 Oct. 1760, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 18 May 1786, Fauquier Co., Va., Jennett Chinn.[2] He served in the Rev. War. He died 26 July 1813 at his plantation, "Green Meadows," Fauquier Co., Va.

ix. **BENJAMIN,** b. 22 Jan. 1763, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 24 Feb. 1783, Fauquier Co., Va., Nancy "Nanny" Robinson.[2] He died in 1823 in Bullit Co., Ky.

x. **SARAH "SALLIE,"** b. 13 Oct. 1765, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 10 June 1785, Fauquier Co., Va., Charles Cato West.[2] She died after 1794.

xi. **SUSANNAH "SUKEY",** b. 20 Aug. 1767, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 9 June 1789, Fauquier Co., Va., Chichester Chinn.[2] They were living in Bourbon Co., Ky. in 1785.

xii. **JOSEPH,** b. 22 June 1769, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 24 Jan. 1791, Fauquier Co., Va., Lydia "Lydda" Mauzy.[2]

The Will of Thomas Withers[3] was proven in the Fauquier Co., Va. Court 25 1795 and because it contains much genealogical data, of interest, it is copied in full:

"In the Name of God, Amen, I, Thomas Withers of the County of Fauquier, being sick and weak in body but of sound and perfect memory, Thanks be to God for the same, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in Manner and Form following, Vizt: In the first place I desire all my just debts to be paid and funeral charges.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son John Withers and to his heirs my negro man Aaron, now in his possession, and whatever else I have heretofore put him in possession of, also the money due me on Bond from my son Enoch Withers, and in case of my said son dying without lawful issue, then I desire that the said money and negro be equally divided between such of my children as are then living.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son Matthew Keene Withers, my Negro man Will Mercer, whom he formerly possessed, also my negro Dick and the second choice of my beds and the furniture belonging to it, and after my roan horse and two cows with their calves are taken out of my Stock for my Daughter Susannah Chinn, I give the residue of my Stock of all kinds and of my Furniture (my son Joseph Withers having first taken out his choice of my beds and the proper furniture belonging to it) to be equally divided between my aforesaid sons, Matthew Keene Withers and Joseph Withers, to them and their heirs--except out of the above bequest of Furniture, my Warming Pan to be disposed of hereafter.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son William Withers, my Negroes, Buck and Tom, now in his possession, but if my Negro, Moses, for whom I have a suit now depending in Fauquier Court with my son Enoch Withers, be recovered to my estate, then I give to my son William Withers the said Negro Moses, in lieu of Tom above mentioned. I give the above to my said son William and to his heirs. I also remit to my son William, whatever money he may owe me at my Death.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son Enoch, my Negro woman Hannah, also sundry articles which I left in his possession, amounting by list of the same to the sum of Eighty Pounds. I give the above to him and to his heirs.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son Benjamin and to his heirs, the two negroes now in his possession, by name Winny and Clara, and also his wife's share of her Father's Estate which I purchased of him.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son Joseph Withers and to his Heirs, the following four Negroes now in his possession to wit: Caesar, Kate, Cato and Peg, also my Negro John, and his first choice of my Beds and the half of my Stock and Furniture, as above declared.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my Daughter, Hannah Winn, and her Heirs, my Negro, Harry, now in her possession, and one hundred pounds out of the sale of the land which I am now at law with my Brother, William Withers, for, if the same shall be recovered.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my Daughter, Betty Winn, and to her Heirs, my Negro woman Liz and her child Armistead, and my warming pan.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my Daughter, Nancy Jordan and to her Heirs, my negro Caesar now in her possession, also my negro boy Chandler Fowke.

"ITEM. I give to my Daughter, Sally West and to her Heirs, my negroes Phil and Dinah, now in her possession and Dinah's increase.

"ITEM. I give to my Daughter, Susanna Chinn and to her Heirs, my negroes, Solomon and Bett and Bett's increase, also my roan Horse and two Cows and Calves as above declared.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my Grandaughter Hannah Winn, daughter of Betty Winn above mentioned, my negro girl Hannah, which said negro is to be under the direction of Capt. Minor Winn till my said grandaughter marries or comes of age and if my said grandaughter shall die without lawful Heirs

of her body, then I give the aforementioned negro girl to my daughter Betty Winn and her Heirs, and I also give to my said daughter Betty Winn whatever money Capt. Minor Winn, her husband, may owe me at my death.

"ITEM. My desire is that my Mulatto boy Roger, alias Martin, be bound to a shoemaker for the term of two years, or to any other trade at the discretion of my Executors, till he shall learn the same, after which he is to serve my Executors until he comes to the age of thirty-one years, when I hereby declare him to be free for the rest of his life.

"ITEM. My Will and Desire is that my old negro woman Bess shall go to whichever of my children she shall choose, which said child shall be obliged to maintain her during her life out of the profits of what I have hereby bequeathed to him or her.

"ITEM. My Will is that if the land for which I am now at law with my Brother William Withers shall be recovered, the same shall be sold by my Executors who are first to offer it to my Brother William, the land at forty shillings per acre and the mill at fifty pounds, and on his refusal to take it, they are then to set it up at public sale for ready money, and the produce thereof (after paying to my daughter Hannah Winn, one hundred pounds as above ordered) to be equally divided among all my children then living. I likewise desire that whatever money I may recover of Mr. Isaac Hite, Adm'r. of Mr. James Buchanan, dec'd. and any other monies or other estate of which I die possessed not herein devised, may in like manner be equally divided among my children then living. And I do hereby constitute and appoint my son William Withers and Capt. Minor Winn, Executors of this my last Will

and Testament, hereby revoking all others by me heretofore made.

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 5th. day of November, Anno Domini 1794.

Thos. Withers (L. S.)

"Signed, Sealed &
Ackmowledged in the
Presence of us:

P. Grant
Benjm. Bronaugh
Withers Smith"

The foregoing will was proven by the witnesses thereto and admitted to probate by the Fauquier County Court 25 Jan. 1795. On the same date bond in the penalty of $20,000. was executed by Thomas Keith, Charles Marshall, John Withers and James Withers, sureties.

The Appraisement of the personal property of Thomas Withers was filed in the Fauquier Co. Court where it is recorded in Will Book 6 at pages 17 and 18. It is not copied here in full but it is of interest to note that the decedents "warming pan" was valued at 12 shillings and that the "old negro woman Bess" referred to in the will was valued at one shilling.

James Withers,[4] the eldest son of Thomas Withers,[3] died three years before his father, which may explain the absence of any reference to him in his will.

James Withers,[2] the father of Thomas Withers[3] and the grandfather of James Withers[4] mentioned in the paragraph above, was born 6 June 1681 at his father's home on

Potomac Creek in Stafford Co., Va.

In 1681, the year of the birth of James Withers, Louis XIV of France was at the zenith of his power, and in England William Penn, an English Quaker, received a charter from King Charles II for lands that become the State of Pennsylvania.

James was one of at least two sons of William Withers[1] who had emigrated from England, and together with his brother, Capt. John Withers, had settled on Potomac Creek. There are several references to John Withers in "The Cultural History of Marlborough, Virginia" published by the Smithsonian Institution as its Bulletin 253 (1968). One such reference states "John Withers, one the first feoffees and a justice of the peace, was a lot owner also." John Withers was an uncle of James Withers.[2]

Upon the death of his father, William Withers[1] in 1698, James Withers, not yet 18 years of age, and his brother, William, not yet 21, went to live with a neighbor, Capt. Edward Mountjoy.

About 1706 he married Elizabeth, the only child of Matthew Keene and Bridget, his wife. In "Withers Family of County Lancaster, England and of Stafford County, Va.," by Robert Edwin Withers, The Dietz Printing Co., Richmond, Va. (1947) it is stated "Matthew Keene was one of the nearest neighbors to the Withers family on Potomac Creek, he was wealthy and well connected socially, ...As the years went on James Withers[2] bought much land and acquired much personal wealth."

Not only did he buy large parcels of land along Potomac Creek and Potomac Run in

Stafford Co., but he bought three large tracts which now lie in Fauquier Co., one such tract being on Licking Run, another on Tin Pot Run, and still another, it being a one-half interest in the original tract of 2900 acres known as the North Wales Tract. He owned two mills, one of which was on Potomac Run, as shown on an old map of Stafford County. An examination of this map reveals that it likely is the same mill which until about 1925 was operated by Henry Wiggington. It was located about two miles west of Mountain View.

Quoting further from the book above referenced:

"Even though so many records have perished, a fairly clear picture of the life of James Withers can be drawn. Born and raised near the old county courthouse, which was located at Marlboro, knowing and mingling with friends and neighbors of his father and of his uncle John, enjoying all the sports and entertainments which the prominent families of his neighbors afforded for the young people, settling down with his young wife near his old home place close to her parents, and continuing in the same locality. His large family of boys and girls growing up and in their turn marrying among the daughters of his close friends. These children he set up on lands of their own and let them develop such resources as he, out of his increasing wealth, could give them to their better advancement in living."

As recorded in the "Register of Overwharton Parish, Stafford Co., Va. 1723-1758" George H. S. King (1961), James Withers2 died 3 June 1746 "in the 66th. year of his age." He lived and died on the land patented by his father William Withers1 and

his uncle, Capt. John Withers.

The children of James Withers[2] [William] and Elizabeth Keene:

i. **ELIZABETH,** b. 23 Dec. 1706, Stafford Co., Va.,[3] mar. before 21 July 1723, Abraham Fields. She died 26 July 1798. She is mentioned in the Will of her grandfather Matthew Keene, as "Elizabeth Field". The will was dated 21 July 1786.

ii. **THOMAS,** b. 21 Dec. 1707[3] Stafford Co., Va. and died before 21 July 1723.

iii. **URSULA,** b. 20 Sept. 1709, Stafford Co., Va.,[3] mar. John Allen. She died ca. 1793 and her will dated 12 Aug. 1789, was probated in Fauquier Co., Va., in 1793.

iv. **MARY,** b. 1711, Stafford Co., Va.,[3] mar. Joseph Hudnall (1700-1783). She died after 1746.

v. **MARTHA,** b. 1711 Stafford Co., Va.[3] (twin of Mary) mar. James McDaniel of Stafford Co. She was living in 1746 but died before 1788.

vi. **JOHN,** b. 29 Jan. 1713/14 Stafford Co., Va.,[3] mar. ca. 1735, Hannah Allen, dau. of William and Margaret Allen. She died 17 July 1801.

vii. **KEENE,** b. 29 Jan. 1715, Stafford Co., Va.[3] He died in infancy.

viii. **BRIDGET,** b. 29 Jan. 1715, Stafford Co., Va.[3] She was a twin of Keene and died in infancy.

ix. **JAMES**, b. 11 Feb. 1716/17, Stafford, Co., Va.[3] mar. before 1748, Catherine Barbee, dau. of Thomas Barbee. His second mar. was to Jemima Garner. He died 20 Jan. 1784 in Fauquier Co., Va.

x. **IRVINE**, b. 20 June 1718, Stafford Co., Va.[3] He died in infancy.

xi. **ANN SOPHIA**, b. 20 June 1718, Stafford Co., Va.[3] She was a twin of Irvine and died in infancy.

xii. **BRIDGET**, b. 20 July 1720, Stafford Co., Va.,[3] mar. 15 Feb. 1743,[4] Stafford Co., Va., William Allen of Stafford Co., Va.

xiii. **ANN**, b. 2 Oct. 1722, Stafford Co., Va.[3] mar. 11 Nov. 1744, Stafford Co., Va.,[4] Henry Mauzey. She died before 1765 and he mar. secondly, Elizabeth (Taylor) Morgan.

xiv. **THOMAS**, b. 15 Feb. 1723/24, Stafford Co., Va.[3] mar. ca. 1747 Elizabeth Williams, dau. of Jonas Williams. He died 12 Nov. 1794 in Fauquier Co., Va.

xv. **WILLIAM**, b. 16 April 1726, Stafford Co., mar. 15 Dec. 1756, Elizabeth Hord.[3] b. 22 Sept. 1732 and who died 17 Oct. 1781. He died 6 Jan. 1804.

xvi. **KEENE**, b. 13 Feb. 1727/28, Stafford Co., Va.,[3] mar. 21 Dec. 1747, Stafford Co., Va., Elizabeth Cave,[4] dau. of William and Elizabeth Cave of Stafford Co., Va. Keene Withers died in the autumn of 1756 in Stafford Co. She mar. secondly, Andrew Edwards as his second wife on 19 Jan. 1758. Thirdly, she married Thomas Walker.

Although the will of James Withers2 is lengthy, and somewhat tedious to read, it is thought that it contains sufficient genealogical data to warrant repeating it in full:

"In the name of God, Amen, I, James Withers of Stafford County, Planter, being sick of body but of sound sense and perfect memory, thanks to Almighty God, and calling to rememberance how frail all flesh is, have thought fit to make this my last will and testament in manner and form as follows. I give and bequeath my soul to the hands of Almighty God who gave it, hoping for forgiveness of all my sins through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, my Savior and Redeemer. My body I desire may be decently buried at the discretion of my executors hereinafter named after my lawful debts are paid. What temporal estate it hath pleased God to bless me with I desire may be disposed of as followeth.

"IMPRIMIS I give to my son James Withers and his heirs forever, a dividend or part of that land which I bought of Rice Hooe lying in Prince William County containing four hundred acres and bounded as follows: Beginning at the beginning tree of the said Patent and running East S. E. 320 poles, thence N. E. 185 poles, thence N. 64 degrees, W. 396 poles to the West line of the said Patent and from thence along the line of the said Patent to the first beginning, and also my negro Robin now in his possession, a man called Breechy and a feather bed and furniture.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Henry Mauzy and his wife, Ann, and their heirs forever, another part of the said land bought of Rice Hooe, containing 200 acres to

begin where the second course of the said James' ends, to run up the main line of the Patent so far as a line across the same may include that quantity, and also a negro man named George, a feather bed and furniture and four cows and calves and the half the hogs he raised where he now lives.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law Joseph Hudnall and his heirs forever, two hundred acres of land whereon he now lives lying in the upper part of that land which I bought of Rice Hooe bounded on the north side by the line which divides John Hooe's land and mine on the South side by a parallel line quite across the said Patent, and a negro boy named Frank in his possession.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son Thomas Withers and his heirs forever a dividend or part of my land on Licking Run in Prince William County, to be laid off according to the survey made by John Allen and at the time marked from Racoon Branch to the back line of the main Patent and also the following negroes Sam, Denbon, Flory and her last child Will and Sall and their increase.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son Keene Withers and his heirs forever, a dividend or part of my land on Licking Run in the Southwest part of the said Patent and bounded as follows, beginning at the beginning White Oak of the said patent and running North along the line of his brother Thomas, 138 poles, thence North 47 degrees West till it intersects the out lines of the main Patent thence along the line of the Patent reversing them to the first beginning including the old Manor Plantation and also the following negroes, Sam, Samsine, Nan, Phillis, Esther and their increase and a set of Blacksmith's tools and a feather bed and

furniture and it is my will and desire that my son John take into his care my son Keene till he arrives to the age of twenty-one years.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son William Withers and his heirs forever, the remaining part of my Licking Run land not yet bequeathed, with the provision that if Henry Mauzy is obliged to remove from where he now lives he shall have the liberty of living upon the Mill Plantation on the said land till he has time to clear a plantation on the land already bequeathed to him, as also the following negroes, Peter, James, Sarah, Mowl and Jack and their increase, and a feather bed and furniture.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son John Withers and his heirs forever, 250 acres of land whereon he now lives bought of Henry Field as also 200 acres of land bought of William Waugh lying on the South side of Rocky Run and 50 acres which I bought of Snodal Horton, as also the following negroes, to wit: Matt, Harry, and a negro boy named Caesar.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my son-in-law William Allen and Bridget his wife and their heirs forever, a tract of land containing 365 acres lying on the north side of Potomac Run bought of Bryant Young.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my loving wife Elizabeth during the time of her natural life only, all the household goods and furniture which she brought from her fathers of what kind soever and cattle with the mill on Potomac Run, and also the tract of land on which I now live, likewise the following negroes, Tom, Dick, Peg, Dinah, Roger, Bess, Jugg, Hannah, Winnie, Priss, and Daniel, and

after her decease the said negroes and their future increase to be equally divided among my five sons, such of them as shall be living.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my said son James, a negro woman Jenny and her child, in full satisfaction of his part of the negroes which are to be divided at his mother's death.

"ITEM. I give to my loving wife Elizabeth a negro man named Ben during her natural life and after her decease to be equally divided among my four sons, John, Thomas, William and Keene.

"ITEM. I give to my son Keene Withers, a negro girl named Sue to him and to his heirs forever.

"ITEM. I give to my daughter Ursula, the wife of John Allen, the two following negroes: Lydia and Nan now in her possession.

"ITEM. I give to my daughter Elizabeth, the wife of Abraham Field, twenty shillings to buy a ring.

"ITEM. I give to my daughter Martha, the wife of James McDaniel, twenty shillings to buy a ring.

"ITEM. All the rest of my estate movable and immovable, I give to be equally divided among my five sons immediately after my decease.

"ITEM. Whereas there is an action depending in the General Court between Edward Herndon and me about a negro, my intention is that if I am cast in the said suit, my wife shall pay the money debt and I desire that my

said five sons shall equally pay the tobacco (the medium of exchange) that shall be due for the costs and charges attending it and that if any of them shall fail to pay their equal part thereof they shall forfeit their legacies already bequeathed to them, to the others willing to perform it.

"ITEM. The remaining part of the land I bought of Rice Hooe not yet bequeathed, I give to my sons William and Keene to be equally divided between them.

"ITEM. I give to each of my five sons twenty pounds current money and the remainder part of my cash, I give to my wife to pay of my cash debts, the money to Herndon, if he recovers any against me.

"ITEM. I give to my said wife during her natural life one hundred acres of land lying on the south side of Potomac Run, bought of Joseph Waugh, where my quarters now stand and after her decease to my son John and his heirs forever.

"ITEM. I do appoint my loving wife Elizabeth, and my sons, John, Thomas and William, executrix and executors of this my last will and testament revoking all former wills by me heretofore made declaring this only to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of June 1746.

James Withers (Seal)

"Signed sealed and published in presence of Andrew Rosse, Charles (X) Hinson, Joyce (X) Hinson, James (X) O'Neil, H. Tyler."

The will was admitted to probate in the

Stafford Co., Va. Court 8 July 1746 and is recorded in Will Book "M" at page 468.

It will be noted that the will disposes of the testator's 39 slaves, all being kept in the family, some to his wife, and the remainder to his sons and daughters. It seems likely that the slave Bess, mentioned in the foregoing will is the "Old Bess", (valued at one shilling) named in the will of Thomas Withers,[3] one of the sons of James Withers[2]

The only known children of William Withers[1] (the name of his wife not being known):

i. **WILLIAM, Jr.,** b. c. 1677, Stafford Co., Va., mar. ca. 1700, Mary Littlejohn.[1] His will was dated 1703.

ii. **JAMES,** b. 1680, Stafford Co., Va., mar. ca. 1701, Elizabeth Keene, dau. of Matthew and Bridget Keene.[1]

Robert Edwin Withers, assisted by Katherine Cox Gottschalk of Washington, D. C. and A. May Osler of Beckenham, Kent, England, professional genealogists, in 1947 compiled and published the book "Withers Family of the County Lancaster, England, and of Stafford County, Virginia."

This book contains charts which purport to record the ancestry of William Wither (1636-1698), the immigrant ancestor of the Withers families detailed in this Chapter, through many generations, to Sir John Wyther and his wife Joan. Sir John lived at Pendleton Hall, Lancashire and was Seneschal to Robert de Lucy, Constable of Chester (1179-1189). A Seneschal was a powerful official in the household of a mediveal noble. Sir John

Wyther's father-in-law was Sir Adam de Bostock, Knight, of Davenham, County Chester.

This compiler must emphasize that he has not undertaken any research of the ancestry of William Withers,[1] the immigrant, and thus neither approves nor criticizes the conclusions made in the above mentioned book.

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"The family is the nucleus of civilization" Will Durant

T H E O' B A N N O N F A M I L Y

CHAPTER XIII

John O'Bannon[2] was born in Stafford County, Va. ca. 1710, a son of Bryan O'Bannon[1]. The name of his mother is not known. He was the great grandfather of Ann E. Nelson who married Thomas Smith Wigfield.

In the year of his birth the estimated total population of the American Colonies was 357,000. The year following his birth marked the completion of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.

John O'Bannon and Sarah Barbee,[1] daughter of Thomas Barbee, probably were married shortly after the creation of Prince William County and of Hamilton Parish in 1730/31. Since the records of Hamilton Parish have been lost there remains no record of their marriage. He died in Fauquier Co., Va. in 1773 where his will was probated 28 March 1774 and recorded in Will Book 1 page 237.

The children of John O'Bannon [2][Bryan [1]] and Sarah Barbee:

i. **WILLIAM**,[2] b. probably in 1731/32 in Prince William Co., Va., mar. ca. 1751, Ann "Nancy" Neville,[4] sister of Gen. Joseph Neville. This couple were the parents of Lt. Presley Neville O'Bannon who is remembered for his victory over the Barbary pirates who had been ravaging American commerce in the Mediterranean area. Quoting from "Fauquier County Virginia 1759--1959" published by the Fauquier County Bicentennial

Historical Committee:

"In 1805, O'Bannon led a detachment of seven Marines and mixed recruits of Greeks, Arabs and Egyptians from Alexandria, Egypt, 600 miles across the Libyan Desert to attack the fortress of Derne, where American seamen were imprisoned. Before reaching the "Shores of Tripoli," the force was augmented by additional Marines and a combined action was begun against the fortress April 27, 1805. The "Hornet," "Nautilus," and "Argus" shelled the works from the sea, and Lieutenant O'Bannon and Midshipman Mann led the land forces of about 1200 against defenders of about 4000.

"The enemy was driven out of their works with such precipitation that the guns were left loaded and even primed. O'Bannon took possession of the battery and turned its guns upon the enemy. The Tripolitan ensign was hauled down, and for the first time in our history, the American flag was hoisted on a fortress of the Old World.

"O'Bannon returned to the United States in triumph, was dubbed "The Hero of Tripoli," and a grateful Virginia presented him "a handsome sword with appropriate devices" in a December 26, 1805 action of the General Assembly.

"Oddly, the sword was not delivered to O'Bannon until 1812, and indirectly even then. He had resigned from the Marine Corps and moved to Russellville, Ky., his whereabouts unknown. Yet O'Bannon had been in Virginia on at least one occasion over the interval, for he had married January 24, 1809 in Frederick County, Matilda Heard, grandniece of General Daniel Morgan. The marriage ceremony was performed by the

redoubtable warrior-minister, the Reverend Alexander Balmain."

His heroic action was the inspiration for the the Marine Corps hymn, "From the Halls of Montezuma to the Shores of Tripoli."

Presley Neville O'Bannon died 12 Sept., 1850 and was first buried in a family cemetery in Henry County, Ky. In 1919, under the sponsorship of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, his remains were reinterred in the state monument grounds in the state's capital at Frankfort where they rest among those of illustrious sons of Kentucky, among them, Daniel Boone.

ii. **JOHN**,$_2$ b. ca. 1735, Prince William Co., Va., mar. Lydia "Lydda" Duncan,$_4$ dau. of Joseph Duncan. John's will was probated in Fauquier Co., Va., 26 June 1797, where it is recorded in Will Book 3 at page 52.

iii. **JAMES**,$_2$ b. ca. 1737, Prince William Co., Va., mar. Mary Mason. He was drowned in the Rolling Fork River, Washington Co., Ky., in 1809.$_3$

iv. **THOMAS**,$_2$ b. ca. 1739/41 in Prince William Co., Va. Family tradition holds that he was killed while serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary War.$_4$

v. **ANDREW**,$_2$ b. ca. 1745, likely in Prince William Co., mar. 10 Oct. 1777, Fauquier Co., Va., Mary (Pepper), Smith,$_5$ (1754-1839) widow of Joseph Smith. Andrew O'Bannon served in the 3rd. Va. Regiment in the Revolutionary War. He died in Gerrard Co., Ky. in 1813.

vi. **SAMUEL**,$_2$ b. ca. 1751,

probably in Prince William Co., mar. Sarah "Sally" (maiden name not known). He was a First Lieut. in the Revolutionary War. He died in Berkley Co., Va., (now W. Va.) in 1830.

vii. **JOSEPH.**[2] It is likely that he was born in Prince William Co. but his birth date is not known. He mar. 2 Sept. 1782, Fauquier Co., Va.,[5] Elizabeth Bullitt, dau. of Capt. Benjamin Bullitt and Elizabeth Harrison.

viii. **GEORGE,**[2] b. ca. 1757, Prince William Co., Va. and died in 1776 while serving as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He was unmarried.

ix. **BRYAN "BRYANT",**[2] b. ca. 1745[4] Prince William Co., Va. Little information has been found on this man except that his wife's name was Elizabeth and that he died in Berkley Co., Va. in 1784.

x. **BENJAMIN,**[2] b. 23 Nov. 1759, probably in Prince William Co., mar. 13 Nov. 1780, Fauquier Co., Va.,[5] Eleanor Ash. His brother-in-law, Joseph Nelson, signed the Marriage Bond. He was a Captain in the Revolutionary War and while serving was wounded in action. He died in 1839.

xi. **SARAH,**[2] b. ca. 1737, Prince William Co., Va., mar. 25 June 1765, Fauquier Co., Va.,[5] James Foley. She died before 1786. He died in 1797.

xii. **CATHERINE "CATY",**[2] b. ca. 1751, Prince William Co., Va., mar., 23 Dec. 1771, Fauquier Co., Va.,[5] Joseph Nelson, b. ca. 1750, Prince William Co., Va., son of John Nelson, Sr. and Mary Toby. She died before 1798 and her husband died 6 Oct.

1837, both in Fauquier Co., Va.

It is certain that John O'Bannon was a highly respected citizen and a man of considerable influence in his community, since he was elected in 1772 as one of the twelve members of the vestry of the newly created Parish of Leeds. Also, the Fauquier Co., Va. Minute Book for 1759-1762 at page 106, records that on 27 Nov., 1760, he was a member of the Grand Jury.

John O'Bannon died ca. 1773 in Fauquier Co., Va. where his will was admitted to probate 28 March 1774. He was survived by all twelve of his children and by his wife, Sarah. His will follows:

"In the Name of God Amen, the eighteenth day of November Anno Domini One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Three, I, John O'Bannon, Senior, of the County of Fauquier, Planter, being sick and weak in body but of Sound and Perfect Memory & Mind, and calling to mind the uncertainty of this Transitory Life, do by these Presents make and Ordain this my Last Will and Testament:

"IMPRIMIS: I give my soul into the Hands of Almighty God who gave it & my body to Earth to be buried in a decent & Christian manner at the discretion of my Exrs. and as touching what earthly estate it hath pleased God to bless me with, I dispose of in the following manner and form, Vide:

"ITEM: My will and desire is that my Beloved wife Sarah, have the use and benefit of the Plantation whereon I now live with the stock of all kinds (except my riding horse) my further will and desire is that my said wife have the use of all my household furniture with the Plantation utensils for

and during her natural life.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving son William, the Plantation and lands on the east side of the Pignut Ridge, it being the same whereon he formerly lived, to him and to his heirs forever; also, one negro woman named Jane and all her children born since she has been in his possession in lieu of a legacy left him by his grandfather, Bryan O'Bannon, the said lands containing one hundred and eighty nine acres, more or less.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving son John, one negro boy named Tom, to him and to his heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving son James, a good Suit of Cloaths to be purchased out of my crop.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving son Thomas, one suit of Cloaths to be purchased as them of James.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving son Samuel, the following tract of Land Viz: BEGINNING at Nelson's third corner and binding on the lines of the said Nelson, the Revd. Mr. Scott and Gibson line, one hundred & fifty yards above Miller's old ford on Broad Run, thence a straight line to the Beginning, containing one hundred & thirty acres, more or less, to him and to his heirs forever. I also give and bequeath to said son Samuel, one negro girl named Hannah to him and to his heirs forever (with her increase).

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving son Andrew, in lieu of all legacies bequeathed him by his grandfather Bryan O'Bannon, one negro man named Frank, to him

and to his heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving son Joseph, in lieu of fifty pounds part of a legacy left him by his grandfather Bryan O'Bannon, one negro boy named Moses, to him and to his heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving son George, in lieu of all legacies left him by his grandfather Bryan O'Bannon, one negro man named James, to him and to his heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving son Bryant, my riding horse, saddle and bridle.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving son Benjamin, a new saddle and bridle.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Sarah Foley, a negro boy named Will now in her possession to her and to her heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Caty Nelson, one negro girl named Jude now in her possession, to her and to her heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my said son Bryant, in lieu of his dividend of his grandfather's estate after the death of his mother, the plantation whereon I now live, to contain one hundred acres to him and to his heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my said son Benjamin, in lieu of his dividend of his grandfather's estate, the remainder of all my lands not yet bequeathed, but not to be possessed therewith till after the death of

his mother, and then to him and to his heirs forever.

"ITEM: My will and desire is that after the death of my said wife, all my negroes not being named in this will, together with the livestock, household furniture and plantation utensils, be equally divided between my then surviving sons, and, my further will and desire is that my wife during her natural life have the use and benefit of the negroes which are not otherwise bequeathed by this will, and my further will and desire is that if any of my sons refuse to take the legacies or legacy by this will devised them in lieu of their dividend of their grandfather's estate that then in such case such son or sons shall only receive one shilling sterling instead of the legacies devised them by this will, and the legacies so forfeited be equally divided between such of them who abide by the legacies left them by this will.

"AND I do appoint and constitute my loving sons William, Samuel and John, Executors of this my last will and testament, revoking, annulling and disallowing all and every former will and wills, testament or testaments, ratifying and confirming this my only last will and testament in full confirmation whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

John O'Bannon (Seal)

"Pronounced, signed and
sealed in presence of

"Thos. Elliott
Benjamin Elliott
John Moffett"

Bryan O'Bannon, the father of John O'Bannon, was born ca. 1683, almost certainly, in Ireland. A grandson George O'Bannon remembered his grandfather mostly for his stories of Ireland, especially those about Brian Boru, the great king of Munster, from whom the O'Bannons were supposed to be descended.[6] He was the great great grandfather of Ann E. Nelson who married Thomas Smith Wigfield.

His birth occurred during the year the Mennonites from Germany settled Germantown, Pa. Also, it was the year that Isaac Newton suggested that the attraction of the sun and moon governs the tides.

It is not known when Bryan O'Bannon arrived in Virginia but certainly he was in Richmond County on 1 March 1720. On that date John Sharp and Linchfield Sharp conveyed to him 300 acres of land in Hanover Parish of Richmond County, the same lying above the falls of the Rappahannock River on its north side, and being a part of a larger tract of 1250 acres Patented 5 June 1705 by Thomas Knight. The name of the grantee as spelled in the deed was "Bryant Obanning". The deed was recorded in Richmond Co. in Deed Book 8 page 20. This seems to have been the property devised by him in his will to his son William.

On the 26th. of June 1728, Bryan O'Bannon purchased from Thomas, Lord Fairfax and William Cage of County Kent, a parcel of land containing 635 acres, situate and lying and being in Stafford County on the north side of Pignut Ridge. The deed for this land is recorded in Deed Book B page 129. This land, as well as the parcel mentioned above, now lie in Fauquier County.

In September 1753, Bryan O'Bannon took title to a 257 acre tract of land in Frederick County, Va., and this deed is recorded in Deed Book 3, page 135. By will he devised this land to Aaron Johnston and Frances Johnston, the children of his presumed mistress, Margaret Johnston.

The children of Bryan O'Bannon[1] and a wife whose name is not known:

i. **JOHN,**[1] b. ca. 1710, Stafford Co., Va,, mar. ca. 1730/31, Sarah Barbee, dau. of Thomas Barbee. He died in Fauquier Co. in 1773.

ii. **WILLIAM,**[1] b. ca. 1712, Stafford Co., Va., mar. ca. 1735, Elizabeth Duncan, a widow. They moved to South Carolina.

iii. **SAMUEL,**[1] Little is known of this man but it is believed that his wife's name was Judith and that they removed to Barnwell, S. C.

iv. **ELIZABETH,**[1] mar. firstly, John Ambrose and secondly on 29 Nov. 1762, Fauquier Co., Va.,[5] John Ethrington.

v. **CATHERINE,** mar. Jacob Hite,[1] a son of Joist Heidt. She predeceased her father.

vi. **MARY ANN,**[1] mar. Simon Miller, son of William Miller of King George Co. She died after 1762.

The children of Bryan O'Bannon[1] and his presumed mistress, Margaret Johnston[1]:

i. **FRANCES,**[1] Little is known of her except that she died young.

ii. AARON, [1] Using the name "Bryan O'Bannon", he served as a private in the Second Virginia Regiment, commanded by Col. Alexander Spottswood, his pay being 6 2/3 dollars per month. He may have died at the Battle of Monmouth.

Since Frances Johnston and her brother Aaron died young and left no descendants, the 257 acres of land devised to them by the will of their father, escheated to the State of Virginia. To correct an injustice, the General Assembly enacted a Special Act allowing Bryan O'Bannon's descendant's to receive the proceeds of a sale of the subject land. This Act, which is to be found at page 576, Volume 9, Henning's Statutes at Large, states, in part, as follows:

"WHEREAS it hath been represented to this General Assembly, that Bryan Obanion, (sic) late of the county of Fauquier, died seized in fee of 257 acres of land lying and being in the county of Berkley.....and that the said Bryan Obanion did by his last will and testament devise the same in taille to Aaron and Frances Johnston, or the survivor of them, they being natural children of the said Bryan Obanion, and that the said Frances died an infant, whereby Aaron Johnston became possessed of an estate taille in the whole of the said lands and

"WHEREAS by the operation of an Act of Assembly entitled.....the said Aaron became tenant in fee simple thereof, and died without issue intestate, whereby the said lands became escheated, and it is just and reasonable that the heirs of the said Bryan Obanion should be benefited thereby,

"BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED, that from and after the passing of this Act, the said 257

acres of land with the appurtenances, be, and the same is hereby vested in James Nourse, Thomas Rutherford and Thomas Hite, gentlemen, or any two or more of them, in fee simple in trust, who shall sell the same to any person or persons who shall be willing to purchase for the best price that can be got, all and singular the premises with the appurtenances hereby vested in them, and every part and parcel thereof, and shall and may execute all deeds and conveyances necessary..... And the said trustees shall pay the money arising from such sale, after deducting the necesaary charges they shall be at about the same, in the following manner, to wit:

"One fifth part to William Obanion, sen., one fifth part to Samuel Obanion, one fifth part to the legal representative of John Obanion, deceased, they being the sons of the said Bryan Obanion, deceased, one fifth part thereof to the legal representative of Catherine Hite, deceased, late wife of Jacob Hite, deceased, she being a daughter of the said Bryan Obanion, deceased, and the remaining fifth part thereof to Elias Edmonds and Elizabeth, his wife, she being the only daughter of Mary Miller, who was also a daughter of the said Bryan Obanion."

The will of Bryan O'Bannon was admitted to probate in Fauquier Co., Va., 25 Feb. 1762, and on that date John O'Bannon and Jacob Hite, his son and son-in-law, qualified as executors. The will was recorded in Will Book 1, page 41 and is quoted in full:

"In the Name of God, Amen: I, Bryan Obanon (sic) of the Parish of Hamilton and County of Fauquier, being sick and weak of body but of perfect sense and memory, thanks be to Almighty God, and calling to mind the

uncertainty of this present life and knowing it is appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following:

"First of all, I recommend my soul unto Almighty God who gave it, nothing doubting but to receive the same at the resurrection of the Just. My body I recommend to the Earth to receive a Christian like burial at the discretion of my Executors hereafter mentioned. And as for my worldly Estate which it hath pleased Almighty God to bless me with I give and dispose of as followeth, Viz.:

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son John Obanon, the Plantation and land whereon he now lives containing 212 acres more or less, to him and to his heirs forever. I, further give to my son, John Obanon, my negro woman Judy, and her further increase, and after the death of my son and Sarah, his wife, then I give the said negro, (if living) with her said increase to my granddaughter Sarah, daughter of the said John, and her heirs forever. And my will is that the said negro Judy, shall after my decease, be totally exempted from laboring without doors during her natural life. I likewise give to my aforesaid son, John Obanon, my still and young unbroken horse.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son, William Obanon, the plantation and lands whereon he now lives containing 212 acres more or less, to him and to his heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my son Saml. Obanon, my plantation and lands in King George County, containing 300 acres more or less, to him and his heirs forever. I

further give to my said son Saml. Obanon, one hundred pounds and all my wearing apparel.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Ambrose, sixty pounds current money as also my chair and horses thereunto belonging, to her and her heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my daughter Ann Miller, one hundred pounds current money.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my grandson, Thos. Obanon, son of my son John Obanon, the plantation whereon I now live, to include 220 acres on this side Broad Run, to him my said grandson, and his heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my grandson, William Obanon, son of my son William Obanon, the remaining part of the tract of land I now live on lying chiefly on the north side of the said Broad Run, to him my said Grandson, and his heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to my grandson Bryan Obanon, son of my son, John Obanon, one negro girl called Cate, to him and to his heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to each of my grandchildren, both male and female, being twenty seven in number, the sum of ten pounds current, each to be paid by my executors at the day of marriage or as they come of age.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to Aaron Johnston and Frances Johnston, children of Margaret Johnston, my plantation and lands in Frederick County, containing 257 acres, to be equally divided between them, and if either of them die before they come of age or marry,

then I give the part of him or her so dying to the survivor, and their heirs forever. And my will further is that the rents and profits of the said lands be yearly laid out for the education and maintainance of the said children, and further I direct and appoint my son-in-law, Jacob Hite, and my granddaughter, Elizabeth Hite to have the care and management of the said children until they come of age, and in case they should die without issue, then I give the said aforementioned land to my grandson, Bryan Obanon, son of my son John Obanon, and to his heirs forever. I likewise give to the said Aaron Johnston, one negro girl named Hannah, with her future increase, to him and to his heirs forever. In case he should die without issue, then the said negro to go and descend according to the aforementioned land.

"ITEM: I give and bequeath to the aforementioned Frances Johnston, 500 pounds tobacco to be yearly paid to Margaret Johnston, mother of the aforesaid Frances, for the support and maintainance of the said Frances during the space of four years.

"ITEM: It is my will and desire that my negros and all my personal estate (except those negros formerly given to my children and those herein bequeathed), after appraised, may be sold, and the money arising thereby to be equally divided among my sons and grandsons.

"I hereby nominate my loving sons John and William Obanon and my son-in-law, Jacob Hite, my hole (sic) and sole executors of this my last will and testament, and I do hereby revoke, disannul and make void all former wills by me made.

"In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my

hand and affixed my seal this fourth day of September 1760.

his
Bryan X Obanon, L. S.
sign

Signed, Sealed and
Acknowledged in
presence of:

Elias Edmonds
Saml. Earle
Jas. Rogers"

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"A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors, will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants." Thomas Babington McCauley

T H E R O S S E R F A M I L Y

CHAPTER XIV

John Rosser[2], a son of Richard[1] and Sarah Rosser, was born ca. 1726, probably at his parents home on Cedar Run, then located in Prince William Co., Va. He was the great grandfather of Ann E. Nelson, who married Thomas Smith Wigfield.

The year of his birth marked the publication of the first edition of "Gulliver's Travels," by Jonathon Swift, the British satirist and clergyman. It is considered by many to be the greatest satire in the English language. In the year following his birth, George II became King of Great Britain and Ireland.

A special election was held in January 1752 in King George County to fill a vacancy in the House of Burgess created by the death of the incumbent. The list of those voting, the names of the candidates, the names of the candidates for whom each voter cast his vote and the results of the election are recorded in Deed Book 3, pages 467-470, King George Co. In that election John Rosser is shown to have voted for Charles Carter, Sr. and Anthony Strother. The polling place was in the Court House, then located near Port Conway. John Rosser must have been a public spirited man to have made the journey from his home on Deep Run (now in Fauquier Co.) to Port Conway, a distance of at least 75 miles, in order to cast his vote.

John Rosser and Mary Neavill, daughter of Capt. George Neavill and Mary Gibbs, were married (probably in King George Co., Va.) ca. 1753. He died in Fauquier Co., Va. between 6 April 1783, the date he executed his will, and 23 June 1783, the date the will was admitted to probate.[1] She died in the same county in 1796.

The children of John Rosser[2] [Richard[1]] and Mary Neavill:

i. **RICHARD**,[1] b. ca. 1755[3] mar. Judith Kemper, dau. of Peter Kemper, 23 Sept. 1779, Fauquier Co., Va.[2] He died after 1832.[3]

ii. **GEORGE**,[1] mar. 15 Feb. 1792, Fauquier Co., Va.[2], Priscilla Mauzy, dau. of Henry Mauzy.

iii. **JOHN**,[1] mar. 22 Feb. 1781, Fauquier Co., Va.,[2] Nelly Glendening.

iv. **WILLIAM**,[1] (No data found)

v. **SUSANNA "SUKEY"**,[1] mar. 1 Sept. 1796, Fauquier Co., Va., John Withers. The marriage bond contains the notation, "daughter of Mary."

vi. **LETTY**,[1] b. ca. 1770, Fauquier Co., Va., mar. 22 Feb. 1792, Fauquier Co., Va., Edward Ball. She died 6 June 1858, Fauquier Co., Va. She was listed in the 1850 census as age 80.

vii. **MARY**,[1] b. ca. 1754, mar. 21 Dec. 1771, Fauquier Co., Va.,[2] John Mitchell. Since she was underage, her father signed his consent to the marriage.

viii. **HANNAH**,[1] mar. 16 March

1769, Fauquier Co., Va., William Withers, Jr. The marriage bond contains the notation, "daughter of John."

ix. **SALLY,**$_1$ (no data found)

x. **ELIZABETH,**$_1$ No record has been found of her birth date or birth place. She married James Withers, b. 16 March 1745/45, Prince William Co., Va., son of Thomas Withers and Elizabeth Williams, ca. 1768, probably in Prince William Co.

xi. **NANCY,**$_1$ mar. Joseph Nelson, Jr., son of Joseph Nelson and Catherine O'Bannon, 28 Dec. 1803, Fauquier Co., Va.$_2$ Her brother-in-law, John Withers, signed the marriage bond.

The will of John Rosser, which was recorded in Will Book 1 at page 472 of the Fauquier Co., Va. probate records is quoted in full:

"April the 6th. 1783, Fauquier. In the name of God, Amen.

"I, John Rosser, of the County aforesaid, being sound in memory, but unwell in body, doth make this my last will and testament.

"ITEM: I lend my whole estate, both real and personal, to my wife during her life or widowhood, but in case she marries it is then my desire she shall be thirded. And after her death, I give to my two sons, Richard & George, my lands lying on Rappahannock where my son Richard now lives, to be equally divided, but it is my desire that George shall have the part that has a mill seat on, and in case either of them shall ever offer it for sale that it shall be forfeited and the property vested in the other son;

"ITEM; I give to my sons, John and William, my tract of land whereon I now live, to be equally divided but it is my desire that William shall have the part whereon the houses (two words illegible) and in case either of them should offer it for sale it is my desire that the other son shall claim his part as the land above.

"ITEM: I give to my daughter, Nancy, Sarah (a slave).

"ITEM: I give to my daughter, Sukey, Violet (a slave).

"ITEM: I give to my daughter, Letty, Winny (a slave).

"ITEM: I give to my son, Richard, Yambro and Cate (slaves).

"ITEM: I give to my son George, Lucy & her son, Jack & Citter: And in case either of my Daughter's negroes should die before my wife, it is then my desire that my son George should give a negro girl to the Daughter who has lost hers.

"ITEM: I give to my son John, Ben, (a slave).

"ITEM: I give to my son William, Jane, (a slave).

"ITEM: At the death of my wife, I desire that my whole stock then found & furniture shall be sold by my sons & the monies arising from the sale to be equally divided between my daughters, Mary and Hannah.

"ITEM: It is my desire that my debts be equally paid by my sons.

"ITEM: My daughters, Sally & Elizabeth, I have already given their part.

John Rosser (L. S.)

"Signed and Sealed in
the presence of us:

Aylett Buckner
George Rosser
Frederick Burditt
James Crockett"

The foregoing will was proven by the witnesses and admitted to probate by the Fauquier Co., Va., court, 23 June 1783.

The Inventory and Appraisment of the personal estate of John Rosser, deceased, was filed in the Fauquier Co., Va., Court, 28 July 1783, where it is recorded in Will Book 1 at page 480. Values are stated in Pounds, Shillings and Pence. The Inventory and Appraisment is copied in part and follows:

"Agreeable to an Order from the Worshipfull Court of Fauquier of June ye 9th., 1783, We the Appraisers Being first Sworn, Doe Value & Appraise the Estate of John Rosser, Dect., in manner & form as followeth, Viz.

"To 1 Negroe Man Naimed Ben	L 100	0	0
To Negroe woman, Lucy	60	0	0
To ditto Winny L60, Joane ditto Sarah L45	105	0	0
To 1 Negroe Jack L20, to one ditto Citter L25	45	0	0
To 1 ditto Jane L60 to 1 ditto Yambo L25	85	0	0
To 1 ditto Cate	25	0	0
To 1 ditto Vilet	35	0	0
To 1 Cow & Calf	3	0	0

To 1 ditto L3, to 1 ditto 25/ to 1 ditto 20/	5	5	0
To 14 shoats	2	6	0
To 2 sows	1	10	0
To 26 gease	1	19	0
To an Old Horse & Maire	2	2	0
To 2 Bells 7/ 20 plantation swoles (?)	2	5	0
To a lock chain 10/ to pusel of old carpender (?)	2	0	0
To 1 loom & gear	1	15	0
To 2 linen wheels	0	20	0
To 1 Cotton wheel	0	15	0
Total of Inventory (including omitted items)	L 504	12	6

The parents of John Rosser[2] were Richard Rosser[1] and Sarah--her family name not being known. His birthdate and birthplace is not known, but it seems likely that he was born ca. 1695.

If he was born in 1695, his birth date marked the commencemant of construction of the first building of the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, Va. This example of Georgian architecture was reputedly designed by Sir Christopher Wren, the designer of St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Two years after his birth Massachusetts enacted a law providing that anyone denying the divine nature of the Bible, could be imprisoned, confined to a pillory, whipped, or have his tongue bored through with a hot iron.

Richard Rosser was the great great grandfather of Ann E. Nelson who married Thomas Smith Wigfield.

The children of Richard Rosser[1] and

Sarah, his wife:

i. **JOHN,**$_4$ b. ca. 1726, mar. ca. 1753, Mary Neavil, dau. of Capt. George Neavil and Mary Gibbs. John Rosser died in Fauquier Co., Va. in 1783.

ii. **WILLIAM,**$_{4\ 5}$ Not traced but it is known that he died in King George Co., Va. in 1747, where his will was admitted to probate 7 Aug. 1747 and is recorded in Will Book A-1 at page 196.

iii. **JAMES,**$_{4\ 5}$--not traced.

iv. **BARBARY,**$_4$--not traced.

v. **SARAH,**$_4$ mar. Haywood Todd$_5$ but nothing further has been found.

vi. **ANN,**$_{4\ 5\ 3}$ mar. James Glendening.$_5$

vii. **ELIZABETH,**$_{4\ 5}$--not traced.

ix. **RACHEL,**$_{4\ 5}$ mar. John Jackson 31 Jan. 1732 in St. Paul's Parish, Stafford Co., Va., Rev. David Stuart, officiating.

The will of Richard Rosser[1] dated 12 June 1735, was admitted to probate 5 March 1735/6 by the King George Co., Va., Court and is recorded in Will Book A-1 at page 118. The will follows:

"In the Name of God Amen. I Richard Rosser of the County of King George being sick and weak of body but of sound and perfect sense and memory, Thanks be to Almighty God for it, do Constitute and Ordain this my last Will & Testament, making null and void all other Will or Wills by me

heretofore made to all intents and purposes as if they had never been made.

"ITEM: I give to my three sons John, William and James Rosser, Three Hundred and Ninety Eight acres of land Lying in the County of Prince William, one tract of Two Hundred and seven acres lying by the north side of the Watery Mountain, and one tract of One Hundred and One acres lying on the North Fork of Rappahannock River, to be equally divided between them three, and if any one of them shou'd die without heirs lawfully begotten, that the said land to be divided between them the survivors, and in case they all die without heirs lawfully begotten, that then the said tracts of land I leave to be equally divided between Barbary, Sarah, Ann and Elizabeth Rosser to them and the heirs of their bodies lawfully begotten forever.

"ITEM: I give to my three sons John, William & James Rosser, Three Hundred Acres of land, it being the land I now live upon in the County of King George to be equally divided to them and to their heirs forever, but in case any of them die without heirs as aforesaid, that the said land to be divided between the survivors, but in case they all die without heirs lawfully begotten that the said Three Hundred acres to be equally divided between Barbary, Sarah, Ann and Elizabeth Rosser to them and their heirs lawfully begotten forever.

"ITEM: I give to my daughter Barbary, a Negro man named Frank and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever.

"ITEM: I give to Sarah, my daughter, a Negro man named Pomp and the heirs of her body lawfully begotten forever.

"ITEM: I give to my son John Rosser, a Negro man named Ned and to his heirs lawfully begotten forever.

"ITEM: I give to my son William Rosser, a Negro man named Harry and to his heirs lawfully begotten forever.

"ITEM: I give to my son John Rosser, a feather bed, one rugg, a pair of blankets, one sheet, one pot & hooks--to him and his heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give to my son William, one feather bed, one rugg, a pair blankets, one sheet, one pot & hooks--to him and his heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give to my son James, one feather bed, one rugg, a pair of blankets, one sheet, one pot, to him and his heirs forever.

"ITEM: I give to my daughter Barbary, one feather bed, one rugg, a pair of blankets, one sheet, one pot--to her and to the heirs of her body forever.

"ITEM: I give to my daughter Rachel, one feather bed and the furniture belonging to it, one pot and frying pan now in her possession to her and the heirs of her body forever, and also a cow & calf now in her possession to her and to the heirs of her body forever.

"ITEM: I give to my daughter Sarah, one feather bed, one rugg, one pair of blankets, one sheet, one pot--to her and the heirs of her body forever.

"ITEM: I give to my daughter Ann, one feather bed, one rugg, one pair of blankets,

one pot--to her and the heirs of her body forever.

"ITEM: I give to my daughter Elizabeth, one bed, one rugg, a pair of blankets, one pot, to her and the heirs of her body forever.

"ITEM: It is my will to leave all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be equally divided amongst my children after the decease of my wife, and also it is my desire that all my estate now in my possession be kept upon the plantation and nothing to be removed till after my wife's decease and also it is my desire that my Estate shall not be appraised.

"And lastly I do constitute and ordain my loving wife Sarah Rosser, my whole and sole Executrix to this my last Will and Testament.

"In Witness Whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and Seale this 12th. day of June 1735.

His
Richard [R R] Rosser
Mark

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* Seale *
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Signed Sealed & Delivered
in presence of us
His
William [W] Somerton
Mark

William Kelly
His
William [WS] Strayton"
Mark

Quoting further:

"At a Court held for King George County the 5th day of March 1735/6.

"The last Will and Testament of Richard Rosser, Deced., was presented into Court by Sarah Rosser, his Executrix who made oath thereto, and the same was proved by the oaths of William Somerton and William Kelly and admitted to record."

It is noted that the testator gave one sheet to each of six children, and that his daughters Elizabeth and Rachel seemingly were not treated fairly in that they were not given a sheet as was the case with their siblings. Perhaps each of them already owned a sheet and thus their father saw no need to give them an item which they did not need. In any event, it interesting to speculate on the reasoning of the father in this instance.

The late eminent genealogist, George Harrison Sanford King, who compiled and published "King George County Virginia Will Book A-1 1721-1752" (1978) in his Preface to the book said (in part):

"While the practice was unusual, yet there are instances where testators mentioned their daughters by their Christian names only, although they were married women. This was a manner to vest the bequeathed property solely in the name of the said daughter as tho she was femme sole (a single woman). Richard Rosser of Hanover Parish by will dated 12 June 1735 mentions his daughter, Rachel, but she was married 31 Jan. 1732 to John Jackson by the Reverend David Stuart in St. Paul's Parish, Stafford County."

It would appear that Richard Rosser had something less than full confidence in his sons-in-law!

NOTES AND REFERENCES

1. Will of John Rosser dated 6 April 1783 and probated 23 June 1783, Fauquier Co., Va. and recorded in Will Book 1 Page 472.

2. Fauquier Co., Va. Marriage Records.

3. "Fauquier County, Va. in the Revolution" by T. Triplett Russell and John K. Gott. (1976)

4. Will of Richard Rosser dated 12 June 1735 and admitted to probate in the King George Court 5 March 1735/6 and is recorded in Will Book A-1 Page 118.

5. Will of William Rosser, son of Richard Rosser, dated 4 May 1747 and admitted to probate in the King George County Court 7 Aug. 1747 and is recorded in Will Book A-1 Page 118.

"Every man is a bundle of his ancestors."
Emerson

T H E N E A V I L L F A M I L Y

CHAPTER XV

Mary Neavill,[1] was born ca. 1726/27, probably in Middlesex Co., Va., was one of the eight daughters of George Neavill.[1] He had two wives, the first having been Hannah Symes, to whom he was married ca. 1725 and who it is thought, was the mother of his daughter Mary. His second wife was Mary Gibbs, but the date of their marriage is not known.

In "Landmarks of Old Prince William" at page 491 it is stated:

"In 1727 and 1728 there was living in Middlesex one George Neavil, who in the latter year buried there a wife, Hannah. Considering the migration from the lower Rappahannock to the Piedmont at this time it is reasonable to assume that he was the George Nevil who had a land grant in March 1730/31, on the upper side of Cedar Run adjoining the Carter Kettle Run Tract, and who voted in Prince William in 1741. The location of this land grant, as proved by the subsequent conveyances, is that of the modern village of Auburn. George Nevill's house thus stood at the crossing of the Carolina Road and the 'Rappahannock' branch of the Dumfries road which lead by Turkey Run Church; and the identification is convincing in the light of the record that on the organization of Fauquier in 1759, one 'George Nevil' was surveyor of the road 'from his house to Turkey Run Church.' There can,

then, be no reasonable doubt that it was at this house that George William Fairfax and George Washington spent a night in March, 1748, on their journey to the Valley.....

"This old house, probably as old as any now surviving in Fauquier, is still standing, but in ruins, on the green at Auburn. It reveals the foundation of the full length porch which was, as we have seen, the characteristic of the eighteenth century ordinary. In other respects it is in the strict tradition of 'improvement' construction 'after the manner of Virginia building' as specified in the act of 1713. It has not been occupied for many years. It looks today more like the palace of the Sleeping Beauty than a caravansary where, for the asking, all the world might have news, ham and eggs and a toddy."

Prior to the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, George Neavill served as a Captain in the Prince William Co., Va., Militia, which accounts for him sometimes being referred to as "Capt. Neavill". Also, there are references to him as "George Neavill of Auburn."

In the year of Mary Neavill's birth, William Parks established a printing press in Annapolis, Md. The year prior to her birth saw the establishment in New York of its first newspaper, the Gazette, published by William Bradford. Also that year saw the establishment of the first separate church of Colored Baptists at Williamsburg, Va.

Mary Neavill and John Rosser[1], son of Richard and Sarah Rosser, were married ca. 1753, probably in Prince William Co., Va. This couple became the great grandparents of Ann E. Nelson who married Thomas Smith

Wigfield. It follows that all of this couple's descendants also are descendants of John and Mary Neville Rosser.

The children of George Neavill[5] [George,[4] John, Jr.,[3] James, Sr.,[2] John, Sr.,[1]] and his wives, Hannah Symes and Mary Gibbs, it not being known with certainty which wife was the mother of any particular child:

i. **MARY,**[1] b. ca. 1726/27, probably in King George Co., Va., mar. ca. 1753, John Rosser. She died in Fauquier Co., Va., sometime after 1783.

ii. **LUCY,**[1] b. ca. 1732. She was married to a man whose surname was Calmes,[1] possibly William Calmes. In "Landmarks of Old Prince William", it is stated that it is a family tradition that Lucy Neavill married William Calmes and that she died in Kentucky in 1789.

iii. **LETTICE "LETTY,"**[1] mar. 29 July 1764, Fauquier Co., Va.,[2] William Helm. James Barnett signed the Marriage Bond.

iv. **SUSANNA,**[1] mar. 29 July 1761, Fauquier Co., Va.,[2] Richard Hampton, Jr.[1] Her father signed the Marriage Bond.

v. **BETTY,**[1] mar. Solomon Jones.[1]

vi. **ANN,**[1] married a man whose surname was Blackmore.[1]

vii. **JUDITH "MILLIE,"**[1] mar. 18 July 1766, Fauquier Co., Va.,[2] Ambrose Barnett.[1] Her father signed the Marriage Bond.

viii. **JOANNA,**[1] mar. 25 March

1771, Fauquier Co., Va.,[1] James Hathaway.[1] William Grant signed the Marriage Bond. James Hathaway served as an Ensign during the Revolutionary War.

As will be seen from the will of George Neavill, which follows, the testator makes a bequest of twenty pounds "to my grandson John Barnett (son of James Barnett)" which seems to indicate that George Neavill had another daughter who had married James Barnett but was then deceased. If this was the case George Neavill had nine daughters! He had no sons.

George Neville was a miller, and as will be noted in his will, he gave his mill, which he described as being located on Cedar Run, to his wife Mary, and to his sons-in-law, John Rosser, Solomon Jones, Ambrose Barnett and James Hathaway, "as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants."

In "Water Powered Mills of Fauquier County, Virginia," by Lee Moffett, it is stated on page 154, that at the February Court 1768 (Minute Book 1764-1768, page 349) George Neavil petitioned for leave to build a water mill, stating that he owned one side of Cedar Run and required the opposite side in order to carry out his project.

The minutes of the May Court 1769 (Minute Book 1768-1772, page 72) records the report of the jury "on the acre of land petitioned.. proceeded to value the said acre of land therein mentioned after the same was laid off in our view by the surveyor of the said County and do on our oaths value...at twenty shillings current money and do estimate the damage the said Churchill may sustain by the flowing of the back water occasioned by the said Neavill erecting a mill on the land

proposed, to twenty shillings...."

The above referenced book continues on page 154:

"The mill has been restored by the Warrenton Antiquarian Society as a memorial to the early settlers of Fauquier County. It is on Route 670, near Auburn. The mill was at the intersection of the Old Carolina Road and the Dumfries-Winchester Road. Neavil had an Ordinary in his nearby home, and George Washington at the age of 16, spent the night of March 11, 1748 there. Much later, this former Iroquois Indian trail, came to be known as Rogues Road because many cattle thieves passed this way. English prisoners from the battle of Saratoga went by here on their way to prison in Charlottesville. "Mad Anthony" Wayne and his army went through Auburn on their way to the Battle of Yorktown."

"Fauquier During the Proprietorship" by H. C. Groomes (1927) and reprinted by Regional Publishing Co., Baltimore (1969) states:

"Of the Ordinaries within the territory of Fauquier, the most important was George Neavil's situated on Cedar Run where the Carolina Road was intersected by the Dumfries Road. Neavil's appears to have been a place of public entertainment as early as 1748 when George William Fairfax and George Washington spent the night at 'Mr. George Neavil's in Prince William County' on their way from Belvoir to the Valley. On the organization of Fauquier in 1759, the records of the court show that in that year, Neavil applied for a license to keep an Ordinary and that his license was renewed in 1761 and again in 1770. He died in 1774, but the Ordinary was

continued by his widow, Mary Neavil, who took a license in her own name the following year. After her death the place, still known as Neavil's, was conducted by a son-in-law, Ambrose Barnett, who obtained licenses in 1778 and 1780, and again in 1792."

Quoting further from the book referenced above:

"....the Moravian Church...had sent John Frederick Reichel from Bethlehem, Pa. in May 1780, to visit the congregation at Salem in North Carolina. He went and came by the Carolina Road, and of his return journey, after crossing into Fauquier County, he says, 'we had a very bad stony road, especially in the place known as Devil's Race Ground where we saw rock enough. About five o'clock we passed the place where Germantown once stood, but little of it is now to be seen.' At sunrise on the following day 'we passed Capt. Nevill's', and so by Goose Creek and Noland's Ferry on the Potomac back to Pennsylvania.

"The next traveller by the Carolina Road whose journal survives was Dr. Johann David Schoepf, a German scientist who in 1784 entered Fauquier by the old Shenandoah Hunting Path and passed the night at the house of one 'Capt. B. H.' (probably Benjamin Harrison), below Cedar Run. He discourses pleasantly on the entertainment offered the traveller at public and private houses. Of the Ordinaries, as the wayside inns were called, he says:

'It is not always the custom to hang shields before taverns, but they are easily identified by the great number of miscellaneous papers and advertisements with which the walls and doors of these public houses are plaistered: generally, the more of

such bills are to be seen on a house, the better it will be. In this way the traveller is afforded a many sided entertainment and can inform himself as to where the taxes are heavy, where wives have run away, horses have been stolen, or the new Doctor has settled... Along the chief roads these ordinaries are commodious enough when there not too many guests, but coffee, ham and eggs are commonly the sole entertainment. Ham is the great delicacy to the Virginian.'

"He then compares such resorts with private houses where lodging could be had for pay:

'We spent a night at a plantation where, although no tavern is kept, the traveller is entertained for pay. There are disadvantages about this sort of inn, but on the one hand the proprietor escapes the payment of a liquor license and the trouble of catering to a crowd of idlers, and on the other hand the guest must answer only a few times the usual questions as to where he is going, where he came from, and what his business is.'

"That the ordinary also had its disadvantages may be gathered from the chronicle of an English lady who journeyed through the country a few years after Dr. Schropf, and who supplements his description of the road taverns:

'We scarcely pass ten or twenty miles,' she says, 'without seeing an ordinary, as they call inns in this country. They all resemble one another, having a porch in front, the length of the house, almost covered with hand bills: they have no sign but take their name from the person that keeps the house, who is often a man of

consequence; for the profession of an inn keeper is far more respected in America than in England. Instead of supplying their guests as soon as they arrive, they have made everybody conform to one hour for the different meals. There are always several beds in every room and strangers are obliged to sleep together. The sheets are mostly brown and seldom changed.'

"The tariff of charges was fixed by the court. In Fauquier the following schedule was established for the year 1760, from which it will be seen that the traveller had it in his power to go to bed oblivious of the color of his sheets.

"The Court doth set & rate the following Prices to Liquor, Diet, etc. at and for which the several Ordinary keepers are to sell for the ensuing year viz. (expressed in shillings and pence):

Rum the Gallon	12.6
French Brandy the Gallon	12.6
Peach or Apple Brandy, the Gallon	8.0
Quart of Rum Punch with Loaf Sugar	1.3
Quart of Brandy do. with do.	1.0
Port Wine the Quart bottle	2.6
Sherry the Quart Bottle	4.0
Maderia Wine the Quart	3.6
Tyall Wine the Quart	2.0
Claret the Quart Bottle	5.0
Virginia Strong Beer, the Quart	1.0
English Strong Beer Quart Bottle	1.3
For hott diet	1.0
For cold do.	0.8
For a nights Lodging with clean sheets	0.6
Pasturage for a Horse 24 Hours	0.6
Stableage & Fodder for Horse 24 Hours	0.6
For a gallon of Corn or Oats	0.6
Virginia Cyder the Gallon	1.0"

George Neavill seems to have been an astute and prosperous planter, miller and ordinary keeper. Not only was he a man of substance but also he was a man of high standing in his community as evidenced by his selection as a member of the Vestry of Hamilton Parish. During his term as a Vestryman, he was called upon to cope with a disagreeable problem as set forth in the book referred to above.

"The first minister of Hamilton was Rev. James Keith, of Peterhead, Scotland... He died in 1751 and Bishop Meade says, 'from all that I can learn of him he was a worthy man.'

"In the choice of Mr. Keith's successor the Vestry of Hamilton was less fortunate, as the next incumbent, the Rev. John Brunskill, Jr., became notorious for evil living and brought open reproach on the Church throughout the colony. He assumed his charge of the Parish before July 1753, and seems almost immediately to have given rein to his dissolute propensities,.....till at length the church-wardens & gentlemen of the Vestry, in justice to themselves & in Pity to the unhappy Parishioners drew up a Complaint, etc.

"In this complaint the Vestry charged their minister with 'divers immoralities such as profane Swearing, Drunkenness & immodest actions.'"

A hearing on the charges made in the complaint was held by the Council 19 May 1757, at which was present the Royal Governor Dinwiddie. It was the unaminous opinion of the Council that "every fact he (the defendant) was charged with had been fully proved; that he was a scandal to his profession & ought to be disqualified from

ever exercising the office of a clergyman".

Based upon the findings of the Council the Governor dismissed Rev. Brunskill which doubtless was a great relief to George Neavill and his fellow members of the Vestry.

George Neavill died in Fauquier Co., Va., sometime after making his will on 26 Feb. 1774 and 27 June of the same year, when the will was admitted to probate. His will is quoted in full:

"In the Name of God, Amen, I, George Neavill of Fauquier County, being sick and weak of body but of sound sense and memory, thanks be to Almighty God, Do make this my last will and Testament in Manner and form following, to wit:

"IMPRIMIS. I lend to my loving wife Mary Neavill During her natural life, a Mulatto woman named Betty Burk and also four Negroes, Viz., Jack, Jenny, Siller and Violet, together with the land whereon I now live to the Dividing line between my Daughters Joanna Hathaway and Judith Barnett hereafter mentioned (except the Mill and ten acres of land adjoining) and also one third of all my Stock and household furniture and all my cash on hand, also my Will is that my said wife shall have one sixth part of the profit arising from the labor of my Carpenter (Will) During her said Natural Life.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my said wife Mary Neavill and my sons in law, John Rosser, Solomon Jones, Ambrose Barnett and James Hathaway, my Mill on Cedar Run with the appurtenances thereto belonging with ten acres adjoining, to them and to their heirs forever, as Tenants in Common and not as Joint Tenants. Also, my Will is that all the

corn that may be in my Mill, and all of the Oats in my Barn at the time of my Death to be equally Divided between my said Wife, Mary Neavill and my sons in law, John Rosser, Solomon Jones, Ambrose Barnett and James Hathaway, I also give and devise to the Said John Rosser, Solomon Jones, Ambrose Barnett, James Hathaway and Richard Hampton (another of my sons in law) all the Debts that may be due on my books at the time of my Death, Except the legacies hereafter given out of the said Debts.

"ITEM. It is my will and Desire that the other two thirds of my Stock and household furniture be equally Divided among all my children.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary Rosser, a Negroe woman named Cate, now in her possession and all her increase and also a Negroe man named Lemmon and a Negroe Girl named Lucy, to her and her heirs forever, I also give to my son in law, John Rosser, the sum of Twenty five pounds current money to be paid out of my book Debts (in stead of building for him as I've done for all the rest of my sons in law) Besides his proportion as above mentioned.

"ITEM. I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Betty Jones, a Negroe woman named Sue and her increase, now in her possession, and, a Negroe man named Will, during her natural life, and at her decease my will is that the said Negroes be equally divided among all her children then alive, I also give to my said Daughter, Betty Jones, all my tract of land on the Bull Run Mountains During her said Natural Life and after her decease, my will is that said Land be equally Divided between my two Grandsons, George Jones and William Jones, and their heirs forever.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Lucy Calmes, one hundred and twenty five acres of Land more or less, it being the Land she now has in possession, the land to extend to the back line with one Negroe Girl named Hannah and her increase, now in her possession, to her and to her heirs forever, and if my said Daughter, Lucy Calmes, shall prove with child that shall be born and live till my said wife's decease, I give and bequeath to my said Grandchild (to be born) a Negroe Girl named Siller and her increase, which is before given to my said wife, during her natural life, and if my said Grandchild shall depart this life before my said wife, my will then is that the said Negroe Siller and her increase be equally divided among all the children of my said Daughter Lucy Calmes that shall be then alive, after my wife's Decease.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Blackmore, the Land whereon she now lives, the same lying on the North Side and Adjoining the Land given to my Daughter Lucy Calmes, and also two Negroes named Winney and Moses, with the increase of the said Winney, now in her possession, to her and to her heirs forever.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Milley Barnett, the land whereon she now lives, lying on the South Side and adjoining the land given to my Daughter Lucy Calmes, and also one Negroe woman named Sarah and her increase, now in her possession, to her and to her heirs forever.

"ITEM. I give to my Grandson, John Barnett (son of James Barnett) the sum of twenty pounds current money to be paid him when he arrives at the age of twenty one years out of my book Debts.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Letty Helm, a Negroe woman named Dinah now in her possession and her increase, and also a Negroe boy named Dick and a Negroe Girl named Lucy, to her and her heirs forever.

"ITEM. I give to my Grand Daughter, Ann Helm, the sum of Twenty pounds current money to be paid her at the Day of Marriage or age of Twenty one years, out of my book Debts.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Susanna Hampton, the Tract of Land She Now lives on During her Natural life, and after her decease, I give and Devise the Said Land to my two Grand Daughters, Charlotte and Joanna Hampton and their heirs forever to be equally divided between them. I also give and bequeath to my said Daughter Susanna Hampton, a Negroe woman named Quinda, now in her possession and her increase, and also a Negroe man named Bob, to her and to her heirs forever.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Joanna Hathaway, the upper part of the Tract of Land where I now live, bounded as followeth Beginning at a Double Sycamore Standing on the bank of Cedar Run below a piece of low ground called Churchill's Oat Patch, Extending thence No. 27 E. 230 poles to a Red Oak in Carter's line, thence with Carter's line N. 427 W. 298 poles to Baldwin's Chestnut Corner, thence with Baldwin's S. 25 W. 93 poles to a white oak standing on the North Side of the main Road, thence along along the said Road S. 40 E. 219 poles to a small white oak on the South Side of the Road, thence S. 47 W. 136 poles to white oak Corner to Duff Green, Decd. and my own land Standing on the North Side of Cedar Run, thence Down the said Run according to the Meanders thereof to the beginning

Sycamore, containing two hundred and forty one acres more or less and also three Negroes named Ben, Frank and Rachel, to her and to her heirs forever. I also give to my said Daughter Joanna Hathaway, a pair of hand millstones & one Black Mare and her increase now in her possession.

"ITEM. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Judith Barnett, after my wifes decease the residue of the Land whereon I now live with the appurtenances thereto belonging and also one Negroe woman named Sarah and her increase, now in her possession to her and her heirs forever.

"ITEM. My will is that the profit arising from the labors of my carpenter (Will) after my wife's sixth part taken out as above given her be annually and equally divided among John Rosser, Solomon Jones, Ambrose Barnett James Hathaway and Richard Hampton, my sons in law, and my will is that after the Death of my said wife, the Negroes lent her (Siller excepted) Shall with my carpenter (Will) be sold to any one of my family that will give the highest price for them and the money to be equally divided among all my children, Also my will is that my Still be included with my furniture in the Division among my children as Aforementioned.

"Lastly I constitute and appoint my wife Mary Neavill and my sons in law, John Rosser, Solomon Jones, James Hathaway and Ambrose Barnett, Executors of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking all former and other Wills by me heretofore made and Ratifying this to be my last Will and Testament.

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and Seale this Twenty Sixth day of

February ANNO DOM. 1774.

"Sign'd Seal'd published and Declared by the said George Neavill to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us. (The word Siller being first Interlined).

George Neavill (SEAL)

Richard Chichester
Sarah Chichester
Samuel Phariss
John Shurley
his
James X Shurley
mark

"At a Court held for Fauquier County the 27th. day of June 1774 this Will was proved by the oaths of Richard Chichester, Samuel Phariss & John Shurley, Witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded and on the motion of James Hathaway & Ambrose Barnett who made oath & Executed and Acknowledged Bond as the law directs Certificate is Granted them for Obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

TESTE: S. Brooke, C C

The inventory of the personal estate of Capt. George Neavill was filed in the Fauquier Co., Va., Court by the duly appointed appraisers where it is recorded in Will Book 1 at page 264. The estate value was 865 pounds 8 shillings 9 1/2 pence.

The father of George Neavill, sometimes referred to as "Capt. George Neavill" or "George Neavill of Auburn", was John Neville, Jr. who was born ca. 1661/62 in Northumberland Co., Va. He was married ca.

1685 in Isle of Wight Co., Va. and died intestate ca. 1730. The name of George Neavill's mother is not known with certainty but it is likely that she was Elizabeth Bohannon.

At this point it will be helpful to consider the origin of the Neavill family and the several changes in the spelling of the name.

"A Genealogical Record of One Branch of the Neville Family" by William Neville Collier (1953) based upon a paper prepared by William F. Booghurz of Washington, D. C. in 1902, has this to say about the origin of this family:

"The Nevilles are of Norman-French descent. Lodger's history of the existing British peerage states that Henry de Newburg, 2nd., son of Roger de Bellemont and Earl of Mellant was the founder of the family in England and that the Castle of Warwick was conferred upon him by William the Conqueror.

"In Patronymica, by Lower, it is stated that the family descends from Gilbert de Neville, who was admiral to William the Conqueror, and mentions that in Normandy two places are called Neville and at least eighteen places Neuville.

"While the authorities do not agree as to the origin of the family name in England, yet is is beyond argument that Neville is a French name. Neville, Neuville and de Newburgh mean the same thing and the beginnings of this family were undoubtedly in Normandy, the North of France.

"Whether John Neville, (the great grandfather of Capt. George Neavill) the

founder of the family in America, descends from this ancient house of France and England need not be discussed in these pages.

"Possibly he belonged to one of the junior branches and came to America in order to better the broken fortunes of his family. Much might be said in proof of this opinion, but it is not possible at this date to support this contention by positive evidence from the American records.

"It is better to regard John Neville as a man of good family in his native land, but being of an active and enterprising disposition, determined to seek larger fortunes in the new world...."

In addition to "Neavill" and "Neville", other renderings of this family's name found in public and private records are "Nevil" and "Neavil"

The children of John Neville, Jr.[3] [James, Sr.,[2] John, Sr.[1]] and (?) Elizabeth Bohannan:

i. **JAMES,** b. ca. 1686 in Virginia, died testate in Albermarle, Co., Va., in 1752.

ii. **JOHN,** b. ca. 1689 in Virginia and died testate in Fauquier Co., Va., in 1768.

iii. **ELIZABETH,** b. ca. 1691 (no further record found).

iv. **JOSEPH,** b. ca. 1693 in Isle of Wight Co., Va., mar. ca. 1730 Ann Bohannan, his cousin. He settled in Prince William Co., Va., ca. 1745 where that county on 27 Nov. 1752 and again on 25 Oct. 1753

granted him a license 'to keep ordinary at his house.' Since his house was located "on the branches of Cedar Run at the thoroughfair of the Rappahannock Mountain" he was a neighbor of his brother Capt. George Neavill, who, also was an ordinary keeper. His son, George Neavill, Jr. succeeded him in the operation of the ordinary in 1766. Another son, Joseph Neavill, became a general in the Revolutionary War and a third son, John, served in that war as a colonel.

v. **GEORGE,** b. ca. 1695, mar. firstly ca. 1725 Hannah Symes and secondly (?) Mary Gibbs. He died testate in Fauquier Co., Va. in 1774.

The father of John Neville, Jr.[3] was James Neville, Sr.,[2] the name of his mother not being known. James Neville, Sr., was born ca. 1640 at "The Clefts" in Calvert Co. He settled in Northampton Co., Va., in 1660/61. The name of his wife is not known. The date of his death is not known but family tradition holds that he was killed by the Indians when still a young man.

The only child of James Neville, Sr.[2] [John, Sr.[1]] and a wife whose name is not known:

i. **JOHN, Jr.,** b. ca. 1660/61 in Northampton Co., Va., mar. ca. 1685 in Isle of Wight Co., Va., (?) Elizabeth Bohannan.

The parents of James Neville, Sr.[2] were John Neville, Sr.,[1] born ca. 1610, and Bridget Throsley. Further quoting from the William Neville Collier paper mentioned above:

"It is clear from the land records of

Maryland that John Neville was a planter residing at "The Clefts" on the west side of the Patuxent River, in St. Mary's County, now in Calvert, possessed of some means, for at least four years as a single man, and about fourteen years before he made any demand upon the Lord Manor for lands due him under the law, for transporting himself in 1635 and his wife Bridget in 1639, into the Province of Maryland.

"In 1639 he transported his first wife, Bridget Throsley, an English woman as appears from his affidavit dated November 8, 1659, in which he states he transported his said wife, Bridget, some twenty years previous. See Liber 4, Folio 186, of land warrant, land office, Annapolis, Md.....

"May 5, 1662, John Neville instituted suit by attachment against Duncan Bohannon for debt. (Chancery record for Charles County 1662) and in 1664 this suit was continued by counsel on account of the death of the plaintiff. John Neville died January 7, 1664, as in July of this year his will bearing date January 7, 1664, was proven in which are mentioned his (third) wife Joanna and their son, William, and his daughter Ellen Lambert, now wife of John of Charles County, and appoints his son William and his son-in-law, John Lambert, executors. He doubtless had provided for his older children by deeds of gift or otherwise, hence no mention of their names in his will, this being a practice common in colonial times, where there were more than one set of children. See will which is recorded among the Provincial Will records at Annapolis, Maryland."

Some family members claim that John Neville was from Durham, England and that he

sailed with Lord Baltimore from Cowes, England on the "Ark and Dove" and arrived at Point Comfort in Virginia on 24 Feb. 1634. No proof was offered to support this claim.

The children of John Neville, Sr.[1] (the immigrant) and his first wife, Bridget Throsley:

i. **JAMES, Sr.,** b. ca. 1640 at "The Clefts", Calvert Co., Md.

ii. **ELLEN,** b. ca. 1642 at "The Clefts", Calvert Co., Md., mar. John Lambert before 1693.

The only child of John Neville, Sr.[1] and his second wife, Ann, her surname not being known:

i. **JOHN, Jr.** b. ca. 1647 at "The Clefts", Calvert Co., Md. He died testate in Talbot Co., Md. in Nov. 1674. His will dated 15 Oct. 1673 was probated in that county 14 Nov. 1674 and recorded in Liber 2 Folio 350.

The only child of John Neville, Sr.[1] and his third wife, Joanna Porter:

i. **WILLIAM,** b. ca. 1650 at "The Clefts", Calvert Co., Md.

NOTES & REFERENCES

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